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REDUCED RATES ON CABLEGRAMS

Hon. R. Lemieux Expects Very Much Lower Charge on the Atlantic

COMPANIES MAY CONSENT

Tells Public of United States What Pacific Cable Has Accomplished

New York, Dec. 22.—That not only cheaper, but very much cheaper, rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand was the confident assertion of Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, the postmaster-general in the Canadian cabinet, this afternoon on the eve of his departure for Canada after a day spent in this city, following his arrival from Europe last night.

"The reform has been accomplished on the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and it will soon come about on the Atlantic." Mr. Lemieux said the movement had recommended itself to influential interests in the United States also, but he declined to be questioned as to whether or not the United States government had been or would be approached by Canada or Great Britain in the matter. However, he said it was regarded as significant when Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador in London, at a dinner given to Mr. Lemieux in that city, declared in a semi-humorous way that the United States would not stand by idly and see Canada enjoy alone what he described as the great boon of low cable rates to Europe. If the cable companies would make the reductions that would satisfy the governments, according to Mr. Lemieux, then there would be no new cable laid across the Atlantic, and he believed that that was what was likely to happen. In any event he had received such assurances in London that he felt almost certain that the day of very much cheaper cabling between Europe and America was not far distant. He believed a state-owned cable across the Atlantic, if it should become necessary to lay one, undoubtedly would be as successful and satisfactory in every way as the Pacific cable from Canada to Australia.

"That project was first seriously broached in the early 90's," he said, "and it was accomplished about 1900." Previously it cost $2.25 a word to send a cable message from Australia to England. The new cable brought about a reduction of about fifty per cent., that is, to $1.15, and there has since been a still further reduction, namely, to 75 cents. But for the state-owned cable and its cheap rates, I am confident that the old rate of $2.25 a word would still obtain. That line, although it has been described as losing money, yields not only sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds that were issued for its construction, but also a surplus for the eventual discharge of the capital obligations."

Mr. Lemieux said the demand on the Atlantic companies, which was expected to come to a conclusion this spring, was not for an arbitrary rate of twopence (four cents) a word, as was erroneously supposed in many quarters. It had been proposed instead that messages be divided into several classes, such as urgent, semi-urgent and deferred, for instance, and charged for accordingly, but in any event the rate is to be considerably lower than the prevailing shilling, or 24 cent rate.

Mr. Henniker-Heaton, known in England as the "father of penny postage," who has taken an active part in the movement for lower cable rates, wanted an even lower charge, namely, a penny, or two cents, a word, he said. If a state-owned cable is to be laid, it is the belief of Mr. Lemieux that it would eventually admit of a charge of five cents a word.

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Fell from Roof

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Richard Rowe, smith, fell from the roof of a house on Vancouver avenue yesterday and was killed. He was a young unmarried man.

Illness Proves Fatal

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—Ex-Alderman Hannaford is dead from illness contracted during the celebration at Quebec. He was prominent in the municipal and social circles of the city.

Caused Railroad Wreck

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 22.—The coroner's jury last night returned a verdict holding Engineer Nagle responsible for the collision near here on Dec. 3, which caused the death of Engineer Rowe, of Ottawa.

School Children to Parade

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—An unique event is being planned to take place on Saturday preceding election day, when the school children of the capital, numbering upwards of 10,000, will participate in a monster parade to arouse support on behalf of a bylaw which goes before the ratepayers to expend $60,000 on the purchase and fitting up of playgrounds throughout the city.

Mr. Fielding in Paris.

London, Dec. 22.—Hon. Mr. Fielding was entertained at a private dinner in Paris last night. "His Excellency's hosts," to quote the Paris correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, "were the board of directors of the British Chamber of Commerce, together with members of the Canadian section. Hon. Mr. Fielding is granting no interviews to the press.

Canada Libelled in Song.

London, Dec. 22.—A song entitled "Canada" being sung at the music halls here by Harriet Vernon, asks: "Why send your sons to Canada? Tell me, John Bull, where hunger stares them in the face." A couple of dozen Canadians, annoyed at the anti-emigration sentiment of the song visited Ipswich hippodrome with the object of singing the "Maple Leaf," but were denied entrance. The Canadian party was led by N. B. Colcock, Ontario government agent.

EXCHANGE QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED

Senator Teller Explains His Position in Regard to Silver

Washington, Dec. 22.—Referring to the publication of a letter written by him on the financial question to Mr. Moreton Frewen, Senator Teller said today that he had had no intention of reviving the silver question, but that his only purpose had been to call attention to the present conditions of exchange between Europe and America on one side and Asia on the other.

"The question of exchange," he said, "is one of world-wide importance, and there has come to be such divergence of prices between the gold and silver using countries that the situation is growing somewhat acute.

"I do not see," he continued, "why any of the members of the monetary commission should be astonished at my utterances.

"For the last twelve years I have corresponded more or less with Mr. Frewen as to the monetary condition of Europe and the United States and Asia. He is a gentleman well informed on all these questions.

"I did say in my letter to him that the commission would hear him at the proper time, and I have no doubt it will.

"As a member of the commission, I do not propose to attempt to interfere with the legislation of 1898, which established the gold standard in this country. I consider that question settled for at least a generation, but even though the financial system of the United States be fixed, the question of exchange between this country and others is not settled, and I do not believe that the commission is barred from its consideration."

CRITICIZES UNIONS

President of Harvard University Objects to Mixture of Altruism and Economics

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 22.—President Eliot, for the second time in the forty years which he has been head of Harvard, today delivered a regular lecture in a class room. He took the place of Prof. Taussing before the class in Economics. His topic was "the strife between employers and trade unions."

Two of the greatest evils brought about by the unions, said President Eliot, were the limitation of output and limitation of apprentices. The former course was entered upon by the unions with the altruistic purpose of guarding and giving more employment to workers, but this was pronounced by the speaker as an "unwholesome doctrine." "Altruism," he declared, "cannot be mixed with economics."

The ultimate effect of such limitation, he asserted, was "to rot the normal fibre of the workman."

French Budget.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The chamber of deputies and the senate today adopted the budget, which for the first time exceeded four billions of francs.

Eight Years for Theft.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Dramatic climaxes bristled throughout the case against Philip Greenbaum, Sadie Capland and Alfred Capland, in the police court this morning, charged with diamond switching and the receipt of stolen goods. At its close, Greenbaum was found guilty on two counts and sentenced to serve eight years in the pentinteniary, while the other two were released. In addition to attempted robbery at Porte & Markle's jewelry store, Greenbaum was found guilty of switching a diamond ring from Dingwall & Co.'s store.

HON. C. SIFTON HELD INTEREST

Was in International Marine Signal Company, But Sold His Share

MANAGER BAIN'S EVIDENCE

Investigation Discloses Nothing More Regarding Quebec Cheques

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—At this morning's session of Judge Cassel's inquiry into the affairs of the marine department the paying tellers of the Quebec Bank and the National Bank at Quebec testified to having cashed three cheques of $1,000 each, one at the former bank and two at the latter respectively, on June 19 and June 16, 1905. These were the only cheques on the People's Bank of Quebec which had passed through their hands between May and July of that year.

Manager C. Ban Felson, of the People's Bank, had declared positively that the three cheques in question had been paid to Mr. Boudreau, assistant accountant of the marine department, on June 6, 1905. Mr. Watson, K. C., counsel for the government, consequently decided that in view of the fact that he had been unable to find the least trace of any $1,000 cheque in any other bank at Quebec, it was impossible to prosecute the present inquiry further.

Judge Cassels concurred, and the matter was dropped.

John Bain, general manager of the International Marine Signal company, and former asistant commissioner of customs for the Dominion, was next called. Asked if Hon. Clifford Sifton had any shares in this company, witness said the former minister of the Interior had acquired an interest of $150,000 in the company in June, 1907, but disposed of it to Messrs. J. L. Willson, Ottawa, and H. A. Little of Woodstock, in September, 1908.

Witness explained that he had become interested in the business through what Mr. Sifton told him, and both had joined largely with the idea of promoting the foreign end of the business. At that time Mr. Sifton had left the cabinet, and had almost decided to retire from public life.

Asked if he did not join the company with the idea of advancing the interests of the company with the marine and fisheries department, witness said no. When he left the government service he had no idea he was going to join the service of the International Marine Signal company. He declared that his company was selling goods at reasonable prices, and derived no more than 25 to 30 per cent profit from them.

FRIENDS OF CASTRO IN DESPERATE PLOT

Plan to Assassinate Gomez and Others Frustrated by Acting President

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 21.—Via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 22.—The downfall of President Castro in Venezuela was completed on Saturday with the frustration of a desperate plot to assassinate Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president of the republic. Secret cipher cablegrams have passed between President Castro in Berlin and his agents here since the popular anti-Castro demonstration of December 13 and 14. A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the high federal court charging President Castro with complicity in the attempted assassination and proposing his impeachment.

There was a meeting on Friday night of the plotters in the residence in Caracas of Garbiras Guzman, who was secretary general in the last Castro cabinet, and who was placed in charge of President Castro's personal business in Venezuela when the president left for Germany. The conspirators decided upon a coup d' etat. They determined to assassinate Acting President Gomez, Jos. de Jesus Paul, the foreign minister; Gen. Leopoldo Baptiste and other prominent men, seize the administration of the country and with the army terrorize the populace.

Torres-Cardenas, who was at one time minister of the interior under President Castro, and later his personal secretary, was the active leader of the conspiracy. He was entrusted with the carrying out of the plot. He had as lieutenants the commanders of three battalions. In spite of the precautions taken, an indication of what was on foot reached the ears of the acting president. As soon as he had satisfied himself of the truth of the reports, he took immediate steps to frustrate the attempt. Early Saturday morning he went alone on foot to the barracks in Caracas, where a mutinous regiment under the command of President Castro's brother, was quartered.

With unexampled courage, he entered the building and placed the brother of the president under arrest. The cool nerve of Gomez made it impossible for him to carry out this dangerous manoeuvre successfully. He then went to the yellow house, the legislative mansion, where he had a brief interview with Torres Cardenas. The chief of the conspirators maintained a defiant attitude, and denied the existence of any plot. Gomez would not be deceived by such assurances. He seized Cardenas by the shoulders and shaking him roughly, said: "I have discovered your plot to assassinate me. You are my prisoner." Torres Cardenas tried to use his revolver on the acting-president, but Gomez was too quick for him. He pinioned the man's arms and called the guard. Torres Cardenas was seized and disarmed and hurried to jail.

These two arrests, made single-handed by Gomez, broke the back of the plot. Gomez's friends came forward quickly to his support. Orders were at once issued and carried out rapidly for the arrest of several adherents of Castro.

There is to be a general re-organization of the government. The fall of President Castro leaves no obstacle in the way of settling the various international questions confronting the republic. Pos. De Jesus Paul, the former lic. Jos. De Jesus Paul, the former minister of foreign affairs, who played a prominent part in all of Venezuela's foreign relations for the last six months has been commissioned to go to Europe on a diplomatic mission to settle outstanding disputes with foreign powers. He will leave here on December 24. Senor Paul has advised the diplomatic representatives here that measures to preserve order and protect the interests of the foreigners will be taken.

Acting-President Gomez issued a proclamation yesterday which concludes as follows:

"I have constituted a cabinet representing the public opinion of Venezuela, and, with the collaboration of my ministers, I intend to reform the constitution, to a guarantee to respect for the autonomy of the various states of the Venezuelan republic, to protect industries against manipulation, to find a decorous and pacific solution of our international disputes, to live at peace and harmony at home and abroad, and to permit the law alone to hold undisputed sovereignty throughout the land."

Elevator Burned.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—At a late hour last night the municipal elevator at McLean, Sask., was completely destroyed by fire, together with 10,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is covered by insurance.

Bought by J. P. Morgan.

Manchester, Dec. 22.—A Manchester paper states that J. Pierpont Morgan paid $120,000 for the fifteen Caxtons, part of the famous library of Lord Amherst, of Hackney, recently disposed of at public sale.

Harry Lauder's Loss.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—While a truck load of Harry Lauder's stage effects was being loaded into a baggage car at the Exchange street station tonight a yard engine backed a string of cars down upon it. The truck was overturned and $5,000 worth of stage property converted into splinters.

PHOTOGRAPHY USED IN BRIBERY CASE

Flashlight Pictures of Pittsburg Councilman Reaching for Money

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—A flashlight photo of a member of the council in the act of accepting money from a decoy promoter, it is said, will be one of the strongest features of the evidence to be presented tomorrow morning, when seven members of the council and two former bank officials are to be given a preliminary hearing on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and other illegal acts, brought by the Voters' league.

This picture was taken in a private room in a downtown hotel last night, immediately before the council men were arrested. Besides the councilman, the flashlight photograph is said to show an agent of the Hufling detective agency, of Scranton, Pa., who worked up the case. This man is reported to have posed as a member of a firm anxious to sell wooden paving blocks to the city, and to have become very intimate with the councilman. With other detectives concealed within hearing distance, the councilman is alleged to have been induced to tell of the negotiations to secure the passage of the legislation, to name the other members who were to share in the bribe and to say that the members were tired of promises and wanted to see his real money.

Taking $100 and $500 bills from a large roll of bills, and just as the councilman reached for his allotment, the flash was ignited. The councilman, it is said, broke down and wept, and he accused his companions of entrapping him, to which there was no denial. Then the officer appeared and made the arrest.

Bank Examiner Harrison Nesbit is expected to testify to finding a suspicious entry in the books of the German National bank accounting for $17,500, and that President T. W. Ramsey and Cashier Vilsack, of the bank, upon being summoned before the directors admitted that the sum had been expended to insure the selection of the bank as city depository. The directors repudiated the action of the officers, and immediately asked for their resignations.

It is reported that some of the bribe money was paid in checks, and that the stubs will be offered in evidence. It is practically admitted that a number of decoy contractors and promoters were introduced to trap councilmen, and that many temptations have been offered councilmen during the past month. In some quarters it is believed that Mayor Guthrie was back of the probe, he having been an attorney for the Voters' league some years ago. Attorney John Hersher, attorney for the Hebron Street Railway company, whose ordinance is mentioned in the charge against the councilmen, today denied receiving a letter from a councilman saying "Your ordinance is ready to pass. Come on and bring $5,000 with you." Such a letter, it is said, is to be offered against the accused men.

Old Man's Suicide.

Lumsden, Sask., Dec. 22.—Thomas Darby, aged about seventy, a well-known resident here, and formerly of Durham, Ont., committed suicide in the rear of Wilkie's stable about ten o'clock this morning by blowing his brains out with a shotgun. Death was instantaneous.

Irish Member in Custody.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of parliament for North Longford, who has been advocating the boycott of certain individuals in the Longford Leader, of which he is the editor and proprietor, refused to give sureties for his future good behavior and was sentenced in the King's bench division today.

TERRORIZED BY NIGHT RIDERS

Remarkable State of Affairs in Reelfoot Lake District of Tennessee

THE LAW SET AT NAUGHT

Stories Told at Trial of Alleged Murderers of Lawyer Rankin

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state witnesses this afternoon in the night riders' trial, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the court room without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the night riders, corroborating Fehringer's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, an 18-year-old girl, who corroborated her mother's evidence.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another of the alleged night riders who has turned state's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Rankin killing, and made a confession. He was trembling with fear, and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. The attorney-general had to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear them. Russell is under constant guard. He fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehringer.

The eight defendants in the night rider trial were brought into court today handcuffed in pairs and with a detail of two soldiers for each pair. The soldiers, with rifles halted at the court room door, and other soldiers, armed with revolvers, met the prisoners at the threshold and escorted them to the bar.

Judge Shaw was the first witness. He was the proprietor of the store near Reelfoot lake. He said the riders forced him to give them oil to pour on the fish docks when they were burned, and later whipped him when he tried to go before the grand jury. Shaw said the night riders wore "mother hubbards" and black masks, and tried to disguise their voices by talking in false tones. When Shaw was summoned before the grand jury he tried to slip into the town at night. The riders caught him and threatened to kill him, finally they gave him his choice of a switching or hanging. He told them he was not anxious to endorse either, but that if he had to make a choice, he would prefer the whipping. After the riders whipped him they told him to run.

"Did you run?" enquired the court.

"You oughter have seen me," retorted the witness.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Reelfoot lake, was visited by the riders and was given five days to move, under penalty of being hanged. Asked if he moved, he observed that he was still alive. He added that his home was burned. Witness after witness told of visitations by the riders, but there was no identification and no effort made to connect the riders with the murder of Captain Rankin. One witness, Mrs. Leonard, when asked how many there were in the band which visited her, said: "About two hundred, I reckon. The woods were full of them."

The afternoon witnesses continued the corroboration of Fehringer's confession, detail by detail, raid by raid. "Old man" Fagan cleared up the mystery of his name. It is Harvey. He was taken out and whipped. He did not know what he was whipped with, but said "it felt powerfully like a piece of leather." He said that the day the soldiers arrived, Garrett Johnson, one of the eight defendants, drove with him to Camp Nemo. As they passed a little cottage, a woman saw the prisoner, threw up her arms and screamed "Now, thank God, I can tell what I know." She was taken under guard to Union City for her own protection.

The woman was Mrs. Anna Jackson, and she was called to the stand this evening. She said the riders came to her home, forced her to dress and accompany them to her father's house with her husband and daughter. They ordered her to kill some dogs she owned, and burned her father's house. She identified Johnson as the leader. The riders came back two nights later, she declared, forced her to go to her father's, half clad, and said there had been some talking done. They whipped her father and then her sisters. She heard her sisters' appeal for help, and began to scream, whereupon they threatened to whip her. She said she again recognized Johnson and several others. A third time they called to force her to get rid of her sister's little child, because the latter had quarrelled with another neighbor's child. They told Mrs. Jackson that if they had to come again they would whip her. A fourth time they came to whip her father, because he testified before the grand jury. On the last visit Garrett Johnson asked her if she talked. She replied: "No, no, Johnson, I have not."

"If you were a man," Johnson retorted, "I'd blow your brains out. We will hang you if you talk."

Charge of Ballot Box Stuffing.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—J. Dusseault, deputy returning officer for ward one in the St. Boniface municipal election, was arrested this morning on a charge of stuffing a ballot box. He was released on $1,000 bail. The charge made by Thomas Berry, who was a candidate against Mayor Bleau, is that there were more ballots in the boxes than there were votes cast.

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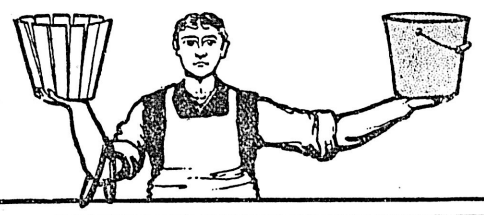

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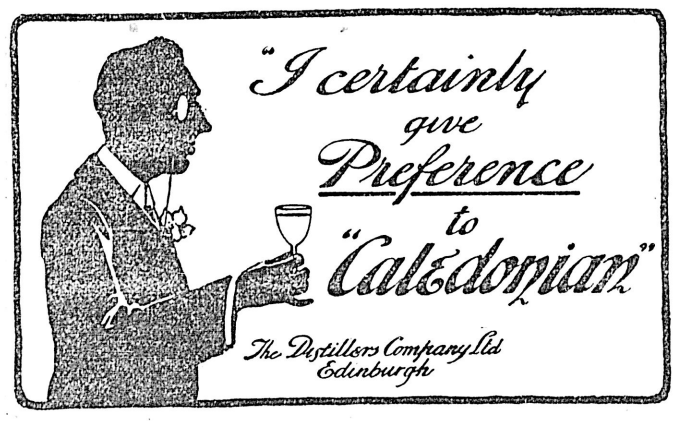

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NEW MINISTER TAKES HIS OATH OF OFFICE

Both the Bye-Elections Will Be Held on teh Ninth of January

Thomas Taylor, M.P.P., was sworn in as a member of the ministry at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The ceremony was not an imposing one, the Premier taking the new minister up to the lieutenant governor's office where Mr. Taylor took the required oath. The new minister leaves for Revelstoke today to spend Christmas at home, and expects to be back in Victoria some time next week to take up his official duties.

The bye-election rendered necessary by his acceptance of office will take place on January 9, but it is believed to be unlikely that an opposition candidate will be put in the field. The Nanaimo bye-election for a member to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Hawthornwaite, who resigned in order to run in the Dominion election, will also be held January 9.

PUPILS OF ST. ANN'S AT CHRISTMAS CLOSING

Pleasant Affairs Marks the Close of the Fall Term

The result of the written examinations upon the work, which was accomplished during the past four months, were communicated to the pupils, attending St. Ann's Academy, in the Assembly Hall yesterday morning when each scholar received her report card.

These cards were neatly designed in form of a Christmas folder, conveying upon the outer page the good wishes of the teaching staff, and upon the inner page the average which had been attained in the course of these recent examinations. The work of the term, is upon the whole considered to have been excellent. The members of the Faculty presided; Christmas carols were sung by both the elders and the juniors, and several compositions arranged for the piano were played by the pupils.

Nearly all the boarders have left for their homes, quite a number of them going over to Seattle early this morning, while others crossing to Vancouver will reach their destinations by way of the C.P.R.

The Hall itself was prettily decorated with garlands of evergreen, interspersed with numerous Christmas bells and stars, typifying the star of Bethlehem. The elder and younger ladies were dressed in their attractive holiday uniforms of black.

Speaking generally the examinations evidenced the fact that the progress achieved, had been very satisfactory, while an unusual proportion of the pupils have taken the higher studies, which are comprised in the regular High School course. Formerly, this Academy had a course of its own devising in science and in literature, but a few years ago it was determined to follow the rules and the subjects which are prescribed in the High School curriculum of the public schools in this province, and although for a time some exception was taken by certain parents to this new departure all opposition to the change has now altogether disappeared.

Some 150 students are in attendance upon the different classes in this academy. Rev. Father Brabant the Administrator of the Diocese, and the clergy of the St. Andrew's Cathedral were present.

BOTTLE AS A DEFENCE

Chinaman Protects Wife From Insults of Two Drunken Ruffians

With a gash in his forehead nearly six inches in length which required as many stitches, Thomas Burgess is at the Jubilee Hospital, the result of a well aimed blow which Ling Sam delivered yesterday afternoon with a bottle. Burgess' companion is in the cells charged with being drunk. The pair while on a spree, unceremoniously entered one of Carpenter's cabins on Herald street wherein lives Ling Sam and his wife and child. Both white men were drunk and quarrelsome and after abusing the Celestial pair seized hold of Ling Sam and threw him out into the street. They then made for the woman and were roughly handling her when her husband returned into the cabin, seized a large bottle and with strength increased by his anger at the insults offered to the woman struck Burgess on the head. The bottle was smashed by the force of the blow, a jagged edge tearing through the man's scalp like a razor. Burgess streaming with blood reeled into the street preceded by his companion who made tracks immediately the irate Chinaman wielded the bottle.

In the meantime onlookers telephoned for the police and Burgess was caught and hurried to Dr. Robertson's office but as the doctor was not in he was taken to Dr. Frank Hall's office where the wound was stitched and dressed. Burgess was taken back to the police station and later sent to the hospital.

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Annual Sunday School Entertainments Held Last Evening

The annual Sunday school entertainment of the First Presbyterian church Sunday school took place last evening in the church schoolroom. A bountiful tea was served at 6.30 o'clock and it is perfectly needless to add that it was highly appreciated by the recipients.. Prizes in the shape of handsome and carefully selected books, which will not only interest but also instruct, were awarded to the following scholars: Joseph Pettierew, John Fair, B. McIlvride, Olive and Arthur Aird, Hazel Maynard, Ellen Pettierew, Irene Airds, Hazel Sexsmith, Ruth Cochrane, Bell Hastie, Annetta Meston, Pauline Stitz, Markham Walker,

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Prizes have been bestowed for regularity in church and in Sabbath school attendance, and for knowledge of the shorter catechism, as well as for the number of scholars who have been induced to attend the school. These prizes, which were chosen by a committee formed from among the school teachers, were distributed from an ark, a novelty which for the first time has been utilized in this good city of Victoria. The idea comes from New York, which at one time at all events, enjoyed the peculiar soubriquet of Gotham. Every member of the primary class, which includes some sixty quite young children, left the ark, the joyful possessor of a weighty package of choice candies.

The children attending St. Paul's church, in Victoria West, enjoyed their Christmas treat and entertainment last evening. Tea was served at 5.30 o'clock and the evening's entertainment opened at 8 o'clock.

CAUGHT AT THE WHARF

Arrested just as he was about to step aboard the Princess Royal en route to Seattle, and away from the strong arm of the law on this side of the boundary, Lou McCurrie, a stable hand, was arrested last evening by Detective O'Leary, and is now in the cells on a charge of having stolen from his fellow stable employee, "Bud" Guest, the sum of $26, all the money the latter possessed in the world.

The pair were making the round of the saloons on Monday afternoon. Guest was very much the worse for liquor, and when they arrived at one of the Johnston street saloons which Guest was in the habit of frequenting, and with the bartender of which he often left his money for safekeeping, he was very much the worse for liquor. Guest pulled out his money, $26 in all, and placed it on the bar directing the bartender to take charge of it. McCurrie reached out and with a laugh declared that he would look after the roll. Guest made no objection, and after another drink, McCurrie left the barroom for the rear of the saloon.

Both the bartender and owner of the money waited for him to return, which he had said he would do, but he failed to show up. Guest, after he sobered up yesterday morning, and because of the continued absence of his pal, complained to the police, giving a description of the missing McCurrie. A lookout was kept with the result that the man wanted was corralled at the wharf last night. He will be arraigned in the police court this morning.

WILL URGE AN ISLAND SITE FOR UNIVERSITY

Ratepayers of Esquimalt Select Representatives to Act With City Committee

That every effort should be made to urge upon the provincial government the propriety of locating the provincial university on Vancouver island and preferably in the neighborhood of Victoria, the capital city of the province, was the decision arrived at at a meeting of the ratepayers of Esquimalt district held last evening in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt road. The meeting, which had been called by John Jardine, M.P.P., and was well attended, was unanimous in the decision arrived at. Mr. Jardine presided and Mr. Piper was elected secretary. The meeting was called for the purpose of choosing representatives from the district to act in conjunction with the committee of Victorian citizens to be appointed by Mayor Hall, this joint committee to wait upon the provincial government and urge that the site for the proposed university be on Vancouver island.

The following gentlemen were selected by the meeting as representatives of Esquimalt: Dr. Fagan, A. W. McCurdy, A. S. Barton, Henry Croft, H. R. Pooley, J. C. McIntosh and A. Stewart. This committee will be notified by Mayor Hall when the city committee meets and the whole question will be fully gone into.

The Island to Unite.

The suggestion was made that the mayor should call upon every district throughout the island, from Victoria to Quatsino, to appoint representatives to act on the committee so that when the government is approached a committee representing the entire island will be present to press the claims of the island as the most convenient and suitable locality within which the site for the new university should be secured. This step would make the interests of each portion of the island identical. The various local committees could also urge upon their representatives in the provincial house the advisability of an island site.

During the discussion several sites were suggested among them being Macauley Point, but it was decided to leave the question of selection to the government. But every effort will be made to urge it to choose a site on Vancouver island and it was felt that the proper locality would be somewhere in the vicinity of Victoria, which, as the capital city, should be the home of the university.

Hospital Decorations.

The many wards and the extensive corridors of St. Joseph's hospital have been very prettily decorated in honor of the Christmas season.

Died on Journey Home

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Esther Shaughnessy, of Mount Forest, Ont., returning from a visit to her daughter at Regina, died in the C. P. R. depot here. She was 74 years of age.

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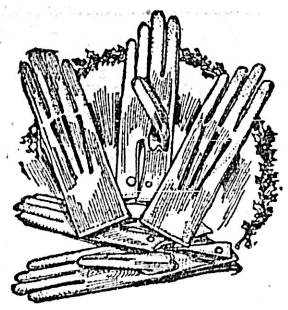

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The Unloaded Gun.

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The exposed marble shows from tidewater for half a mile along the shoreline. Looking at the marble at low water it appears entirely white with the blue marble superimposed. The coloring of the blue marble is due to its proximity to the source of heat, it being colored by iron and other mineral substances during its crystallization. In working the deposit the company had to go back one hundred feet from high water to sink a shaft so that it could be in a position where it would not be flooded as the tide rose, and the workmen are cutting through the superimposed bed of blue marble to get at the white stone. They are now taking off the first floor and getting out blue of a very superior grade. Mr. O'Rourke, the expert from Vermont marble quarries who visited the mines some time ago, writing to Mr. McCurdy regarding some samples of blue marble says: "the marble is of a very high quality and good for monumental work, electrical switchboards, etc., and for architectural work."

Speaking of the deposit yesterday Mr. McCurdy said: "there is no question about the quality or the abundance of the marble. There is room for a dozen, yes for twenty quarries, on the deposit. Our plan will be to get marble out to about twenty feet below the surface where we are now working. We will then tunnel in under the mountain in order that we may work in any kind of weather, and besides, we have found by use of drills, that different grains and grades of marble are included. There is among other grades every indication of a fine vein of statuary marble. Experts say there is probably a bed of about twenty feet in width of excellent marble for the use of carvers. At the Vermont quarries, where so much development has been done, there is a vein of eighteen inches of this in one of their largest quarries.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR LONDON WAIFS

Victorians Subscribe for Dinner For Poor of the Metropolis

During the past few weeks a collection in aid of the Ragged School Christmas Dinner Fund of the Shaftesbury Union for the benefit of the hapless ragged school waifs of that throbbing mass of humanity in the great city of London, England, has been in progress in various parts of this city and by last evening the very respectable sum of $464.25 had been procured. A very fair proportion of it has been contributed by the children who attend the city Sunday schools. It is calculated that this sum will provide a good and substantial Christmas dinner for 3,000 of these most unfortunate and almost always hungry, as well as ragged, children, and when one reflects upon the terrible plight of these waifs the most hardened will feel like extending a helping hand at least upon this one day in the entire year. This amount, which it is hoped to raise to at least £100 sterling, will be cabled today to Sir John Kirk, the founder of the Ragged School of London.

The condition of the hopelessly poor in the slums of the great cities of England is one of the worst blots upon her escutcheon, and whatever may be said in the case of the elders, it is absolutely certain that the children can in no manner be considered responsible for their condition. The amount should be even larger and twice as much would not be a penny too much.

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THE COMING SESSION.

We have been semi-officially assured that the coming session of the Dominion Parliament is to be short and that the programme prepared for it will be neither long nor important. The Insurance Bill is mentioned as one of the few matters that will be brought forward. This is unlikely to be a contentious measure in a partizan sense. Doubtless there will be a good deal of discussion over it, but the measure does not appear to possess any feature upon which a party issue can very well be raised. The bill to adjust the boundaries of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec could not on the face of it appear to call for a very great deal of discussion, and, if it were not that, under the British North America Act, Quebec is the measure of parliamentary representation, one might think that it would hardly receive more than perfunctory consideration. The smaller provinces may, and not without reason, take exception to the lengthening of the yard stick by which the representation in the House of Commons is to be measured. It may be that by extending Quebec so as to take in Ungava, not very many people will be added to the population of that province, and we are ourselves of the opinion that the number could not be sufficient to affect the representation of any of the provinces, but the territory proposed to be added is very large, and we are beginning to learn that it is not so much of a great waste land as most of us have hitherto thought. Therefore it may be that the inclusion of this region in Quebec may some day have the effect of materially reducing the representation of the three Eastern Maritime provinces. The claim has already been set up that the number of members from these provinces ought to be restored to what it was at the time of the Union and never be reduced, a proposition to which we do not think the West would take any exception.

The Minister of Justice is going to introduce a bill to prevent the payment of commissions by contractors and others to public officials. On the principle of such a measure there can be no disagreement, but there is sure to be considerable discussion as to the sufficiency of the details to carry out the proposed object. In this connection reference may be made to the Cassels inquiry. The session can hardly pass without a very vigorous discussion. It is as much in the interests of the government party as of the opposition that the matter should be fully threshed out, and it is of the greatest interest to the country as a whole. This is a matter that can hardly fail to occupy a great deal of the time of the House. It is to be hoped that it will be fully ventilated. The proposed closure rules will call for a good deal of discussion, but it is not easy to see how their consideration can prolong the session very greatly.

There seems to be a prospect of some legislation in regard to the Intercolonial railway. A dispatch in the Times of this city last evening said that the Minister of Railways has intimated that he was endeavoring to devise a new plan of dealing with the government-owned line. For some weeks past this subject has been discussed more or less definitely in some of the Eastern papers. A report was current in St. John two weeks ago that the railway might be leased to the Canadian Northern, and it was said that the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Pacific would like to have it. One can easily understand why the Canadian Northern might want it. Those familiar with the geography of the Maritime Provinces will realize how very difficult it might be for that company to connect its lines in Nova Scotia with its western system by an independent line. New Brunswick is not a very wide province. Measured from the Bay Chaleurs to the place where the St. John forms the western boundary, it is only about ninety miles across. It widens as it extends to the South, but its maximum width is less than 200 miles, and the fact that an extensive lake extends east and west through the centre of the province reduces its width materially from the point of view of railway construction. From the head of Grand Lake to the Intercolonial the distance is under 40 miles and the National Transcontinental Railway will run through that part of the province. East of the Intercolonial no railway is possible, first because of the estuary of the Miramichi, and secondly because every point from which traffic could be drawn is already reached by branch lines of the Intercolonial. Between the point where the Grand Lake unites with the St. John the distance is about 65 miles, and the Canadian Pacific already occupies that territory with two north and south lines and one east and west line. These facts make it difficult to see how the Canadian Northern can hope to reach Nova Scotia except over the Intercolonial. The Grand Trunk Pacific having to pay rental on the part of the National Transcontinental through New Brunswick is hardly likely to saddle itself with the rental of another line, except with the object of controlling the field and of getting a road ready built to St. John and Halifax. The Canadian Pacific would like to have the part of the line between St. John and Halifax, but could hardly be very keen about the rest of it, except to keep others out. The suggestion has been made that an independent company should be formed to take the road over. Very great objection will be taken to the leasing of the road. Mr. Emmerson stands pledged to have the government take over all the trunk lines tributary to the Intercolonial, and to state the matter in the plainest possible terms, many of the people of the Maritime Provinces look upon the Intercolonial Railway, with all its deficits, as a part of the inducement offered them to become confederated with Upper and Lower Canada, and they will protest very strenuously against the railway being handed over to any private company. For these reasons we imagine that, if the disposition of the government railway comes up for discussion, it will prove to be a bone of contention of a very serious character.

BIMETALLISM.

Colonist readers, who remember that some six weeks or so ago, we printed a letter from Senator Teller to Mr. Moreton Frewen and commented upon it, will hardly share the surprise which the New York Times says was felt in financial circles yesterday when it became known that the Senator's plan had been published in Paris. In commenting upon the letter at the time we said that the question of bimetallism was likely to be forced to the front at a very early day. The New York paper prints a statement purporting to come from some member of the Aldrich Currency Commission to the effect that Senator Teller was only speaking in the interest of a state, which produces a good deal of silver, but we venture the prediction that bimetallism will be found to take a much wider scope than its relation to the welfare of a few mine owners in Colorado. If that were all that is involved in it, the matter might be easily disposed of, but anyone who has considered the question from the broader standpoint than that of the men, who control the money market, will admit that the subject is one of great ramifications. If it is said that Senator Teller may have been premature in the publication of his personal views on the future of silver as a money metal, it seems as if the member of the Commission, who at the outset of the inquiry says that such a plan as the Senator proposes would not be considered, and who is unable to see in a matter affecting the monetary affairs of more than half the human race anything more than a plan to help out a few mine owners, is even worse than premature. The publication by the Colonist of Senator Teller's letter and its republication by L'Economiste European, of Paris, is the beginning of a movement for a reconsideration of the functions of silver as a money metal, and fortunately in this reconsideration there will be no politics involved, at least at the outset. The question is one upon which it is desirable that the public should be given the facts, not the mere unsupported opinion of anonymous people. Senator Teller stated a number of very important facts, and drew conclusions from them, which appear to be logical. This method of treating the subject can hardly be successfully met by words of general denial. We can readily understand that the New York papers fear to discuss the silver question on its merits, for there are very many potent influences in that city interested in maintaining the existing arrangement.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

The Montreal Herald prints the following paragraph in a conspicuous way at the head of its editorial columns:

The administration of Montreal's affairs should be placed in the hands of a small executive body chosen independently of the city council, but responsible for the introduction of proposed legislation into the council and for the carrying of it into effect when passed.

We wish that our contemporary had said a little more than this. For instance, it might have told us how the executive body ought to be chosen and from whom it should be chosen, and also if its idea is that the right to initiate measures in connection with municipal government is to be taken wholly out of the hands of the city council. Municipal government is a matter of such great difficulty and importance that any plan, which seems to promise better results than are derived from the existing method, would stand a very good chance of being adopted by the public.

There is no matter which bristles more keenly with hard points than that of governing a city. Like editing a newspaper, it is one of those things which every one thinks he can do better than the man who is doing it. Everybody wants something done, and thinks what he wants is the most pressing. The Aldermen have very little money to expend except that which they force citizens to take out of their pockets. They receive something from licences and matters of that kind, but the most of it comes from a direct tax. We all contribute a lot of money to the general revenue of the country, but most of it is paid indirectly and we are not conscious of paying it. The Dominion government might increase our taxation by twenty-five per cent. and most of us would never know it; but if the city council puts on an increase of one-tenth of one per cent. the taxpayer compares his tax notices, sees the difference and complains. Then the nature of the work which a City Council has to do is such that it is under the eyes of the citizens all the time. Hence also there are complaints and criticisms.

We shall watch what our Montreal contemporary may say in amplication of the point made in the above quotation, and in case it may not press the matter any further, we may express the hope that it will give us all the benefit of the views it may have formed upon a question, which comes directly home to every man, woman and child in every city in Canada.

"Et tu, Brute!" Andrew Carnegie has struck a cruel blow at the tariff which enabled him to accumulate his vast millions.

The people of Venezuela are apparently taking full advantage of the opportunities created by the absence of Castro, who seems to have succeeded in kicking up a row out of all proportion to the importance of the tiny republic in the scheme of things.

The Cassels inquiry is having the effect of blackening a good many excellent reputations. House-cleaning is usually as unpleasant a job with nations as private families, but is as necessary in the one as the other, and the ultimate effect is always beneficial.

While we are promised an increased supply of water for next season, it is clear "we have scotched the snake, not killed it," for the problem is still with us, and judging from the disclosures at the last meeting of the City Council full consideration of the whole question must be made at a very early date.

No reasonable person expects the City Council to be able to do much in the nature of street repair and improvement until next year, but surely it is not too much to ask that the crossings be kept clean. It would not cost a very great sum to employ a number of men for this express purpose during the rainy season, and the benefit conferred upon pedestrians would be incalculable.

Mr. Courtland Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, has just returned to New York from France. He says the people of America have no conception of the great strides which have been made in experiments in aviation. In France everybody is wild over the possibilities of the new method of transportation. In an interview he said: "The experimental stage of flying has been passed and we have arrived at the time of practical demonstration. In the spring I think that there will be aeroplane flights from France across the English channel and back."

Alberta is putting up a vigorous plea for aid to railway enterprises at Ottawa, and the case as made out by Premier Rutherford, seems an exceptionally strong one. In an interview given at the federal capital the other day he is quoted as saying: "With increased railway facilities to the north we expect the northern part of the province to open out a new mining and agricultural district. At least one-third of Alberta is underlaid with coal, and the opening up of this industry is sure to come. The northern lakes and rivers teem with fish, which are almost valueless now till the railway is pushed northward. They will then contribute considerable wealth to the province."

Apropos of the announcement of a day or two ago to the effect that a couple of British warships have been detached from the China and Australia stations and ordered to the Pacific coast off South America, we find in an exchange the following press despatch from Panama: "Persistent rumors are current here that a British flying squadron of thirty warships, their officers and crews, numbering 20,000 men, will arrive here about the middle of January and remain several days. The rumors are exciting considerable interest. The cruiser Shearwater, which arrived here at the same time as the American squadron, is the first British warship to visit Panama in many months. If the British ships come here they will receive a hearty welcome from the officials and people in Panama."

Collier's, which touches all public questions in an entertaining way, but not always correctly, deals with the Hindus in British Columbia. It speaks of these people "freezing to death on the charity of a British Columbia winter." Perhaps this is only a figure of speech, but it is a figure which does what figures are said to be unable to do. It creates a highly erroneous impression. The chance of a Hindu or any one else freezing to death in a British Columbia winter are exceedingly remote. As a matter of fact the Hindus in this province are, all things considered, getting along pretty well. Up to the present none of them appear to own automobiles, but we venture to say that the proportion of unemployed Hindus in British Columbia is no greater than the proportion of unemployed white unskilled laborers in any city on the American continent.

As might have been expected, the passing of a resolution, calling on the Ottawa government to abrogate the treaty with Japan, at a public meeting in the city hall in Victoria the other evening, attracted widespread attention, and also, as might have been expected, at distant points reached by the telegraph dispatches, Vancouver, instead of Victoria was mentioned as the point at which the event occurred. Thus the Montreal Star prints the following dispatch from Tokio, dated December 16: "The action of the Laborites at Vancouver, in demanding the exclusion of the Japanese has created a bad impression. The press recalls that previous excesses in these demands necessitated the pacificatory mission of Hon. Mr. Lemieux, but Japan can hardly expect a similar outcome concerning these new demonstrations. While recognizing that the present agitation emanates from irresponsible Laborites, the great difficulty in forecasting the possible results causes much uneasiness on the part of Japan."

It is probably correct to say that amongst the majority of Canadians the belief prevails that Newfoundland is rather a bleak and forbidding section of the continent of America, though it is widely known that it possesses immense natural resources. It appears, however, that this conception of the country is a mistaken one, the truth being that it has an excellent climate and other attractions for a permanent residential class. Lord Northcliffe, who has, as is well known, immense interests in Newfoundland, returned from the colony the other day, and was interviewed at New York. We quote: "I was surprised," said Lord Northcliffe last night, "at the very slight amount of knowledge with regard to Newfoundland that exists in the United States. There appears to be a notion here that in Newfoundland it is always cold and always foggy. As a matter of fact I found that the Englishmen who have been sent out there were rather complaining of the absence of the national fog. The climate is dry, exhilarating and sunny. The Americans there are enthusiastic."

It is understandable that, from the very nature of things, Sir Robert Hart is disposed to believe that all talk of a "Yellow Peril" is unwarranted, for Sir Robert has for many years been engaged in the moulding of the destinies of China, with whose people he naturally is much enamored; but while very many will be disinclined to accept his views in their entirety, he is always assured of an attentive audience. In a speech at Lisburn, near Belfast, the other evening, he referred to the complete change that had taken place in the education of the Chinese youth, and expressed the opinion that China would, in years to come, be a great peace-promoting nation. Two centuries hence would see some 400,000,000 Chinese in arms, as strong individually and nationally, as the great power of Germany at the present time. Then, owing to the inclination of China toward international peace, they would join hands with that nation which happened to have the most peaceable desires. Before a consummation could be reached, however, said Sir Robert, a great deal of fighting would have to be done.

Mr. Taft is not exactly pleased at the prospect that the reign of "Roosevelt, the Great Noise," is likely to terminate in a blaze of "big sticks." A Washington correpondent writes: "Mr. Taft has become genuinely alarmed over the situation, which is presented by the secret service muddle, and there are the best of reasons for saying that he took advantage of his close personal friendship with the president today to sound a warning note. What he accomplished is for the next few weeks to discover. A close friend of Mr. Taft said tonight: 'It is a heritage of bad blood and political feuds that the president is leaving for his successor. In both the senate and the house there is open war against the president already and there is observable a clearly defined purpose not only to make the remainder of the Roosevelt administration uncomfortable for him, but to send him forth a discredited man, if possible. In brief, it is a disastrous split in the party that the Republican leaders fear as a result of the war between the president and congress, and that Mr. Taft has a lively fear of the same is evidenced by the long talk he had with the president today.'"

Interviewed at Winnipeg the other day, Mr. H. H. Cooper, who had just returned from Mexico, had an interesting statement to make regarding the outlook for shipments of wheat from Western Canada to the Southern Republic. "At present," said Mr. Cooper, "the Kansas wheat has been supplying the demand incident to the wheat famine of Mexico, but the hard Canadian grain is preferred to the soft Kansas variety. It blends better with Mexican soft wheat and makes better flour. I hope to be able to ship 8,000,000 bushels from Alberta. It will go via Vancouver to Manzanillo, the Pacific port which has direct connection with Mexico City. The quoted rate per hundred from Alberta points is 40 cents on wheat to Manzanillo and 10 cents from there to the Mexican capital. Of course, there are other highways, such as an all-rail route south, via Halifax and via New York. The route preferred, however, is via Vancouver for time and general convenience. Because of strict Canadian grain grading laws the Mexicans prefer Canadian business because they can safely buy by sample."

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Dainty Cream Pitchers
Decorated Cups
China Ornaments
Glass Vases

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Fifteen cents is a small amount, but it is surprising what excellent things it will purchase at this counter. This china sale stretches its purchasing power wonderfully. Imagine the splendid things we offer in the regular way at 50c.—now 15c.
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China Plates
Decorated Jugs
Spoon Trays
Spoon Holders
China Cups & Saucers
China Ornaments

Regular Values 65c, SPECIAL TODAY 25c

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Leaf Trays
Comb & Brush Trays
Nut Bowls
Pig Banks
Cake Plates
Cups and Saucers
Shaving Mugs

Regular Values 75c, SPECIAL TODAY 35c

More than 50 per cent has been chopped off the regular values at this counter, and you have a grand list of gift things that were formerly sold at 75c, now offered you at 35c. You can make your Xmas appropriation go a long way if you visit these counters. Don't miss these values.
Sugars and Creams
Cups and Saucers
Cake Plates
China Plates
Glass Pitchers
Glass Vases
Shaving Mugs

Regular Values $1, SPECIAL TODAY 50c

For a half-dollar you'll carry away a full dollar's worth of china, and a big dollar's worth, too. Many are the gift pieces that have been chosen from this counter already this season. This counter offers you some surprisingly fine values. It is worth a visit today.
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Nut Bowls
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NOTE AND COMMENT

The London correspondent of the New York Tribune declares that the Asquith government is planning to force a fight with the Lords and will make the question of the jurisdiction of the Upper House the sole issue in the next general elections: We quote:

The Liberal government is in for a fight with the Lords, and remains intrenched in office to fight its own way. John Burns and other members have been boasting that they would hold their ground until 1912 in order to complete their work. This implied the continuance of the policy of passing contentious measures which the Lords would veto. An influential section of the party followers in the Commons has questioned the expediency of these tactics and has favored immediate dissolution on the ground that the Liberals would return with a reduced majority and continue work, whereas they would be utterly routed should they wait too long. Mr. Asquith has not surrendered the leadership to irresponsible groups of members or editors. Like a man of force, he remains in command and rallies the party around him. While his speech at the National Liberal club did not satisfy all his followers, it convinced them that they had a leader of inflexible will. What is now clear is that there will be no general election next year unless the Lords throw out aggressively the Radical budget. This they can do if they do not attempt to amend it. They have not done it for over sixty years, but they have the constitutional right to take this extreme action and force an appeal to the country, bringing in tariff reform if the country supports them, but taking the risk of a complete defeat, with an inevitable reduction in their own legislative privileges.

Anything tending to illustrate the progress of Island development has a special interest for the Colonist, and we are sure that our readers are in a similar position in this respect, therefore it is with the greatest pleasure that we reproduce the appended editorial utterance of the Ladysmith Chronicle, merely remarking that the sentiments therein expressed are in hearty accord with our own:

"You are going to have a big city here," remarked a recent arrival from Vancouver to the Chronicle representaive yesterday morning. "Next year Vancouver Island is going to boom, and Ladysmith by reason of its commanding position and close proximity to almost inexhaustible coal measures is going to play a very prominent part in the island development. The time has now arrived in this province when manufacturing must be engaged in, and Ladysmith is so situated that it must become a manufacturing centre. I have been just looking at the land cleared on the outskirts of the city by the C.P.R. company. Has it not occurred to the people of Ladysmith that the C.P.R. people had some object in this? I am not a mind-reader, but I will venture the assertion that within a few years the great transcontinental railway company and subsidiary companies will have their stakes pretty deep in this town." The foregoing is the opinion of one man who has been in the west for twenty-five years. He has made money by judicious investments, and it is his intention to keep his eye on Ladysmith the coming summer. The Chronicle does not profess to read unerringly the signs of the times, but there is a great deal of wisdom in the remarks of the gentleman quoted above. The conditions are favorable for Ladysmith to become an important centre, and it remains with the citizens to do everything in their power to bring about the desired consummation.

The recent remarkable success which has attended experiments in aerial flight both in Europe and America renders opportune this reference to a new German aeroplane, which has many novel features, especially devised for use in time of war. A Berlin correspondent writes under date of December 9:

Through the courtesy of Major Parseval, the constructor of the German military non-rigid airship, No. 2, the correspondent of the New York Times is enabled to supply the details of a new aeroplane he is now building. It is being designed especially for war purposes. I was induced to turn my attention to the aeroplane, said Major Parseval, through close observance of the Wright aeroplane in its flight at Le Mans. The flight of Wright's machine consists of a series of undulating recurring curves. In order to keep the aeroplane at an even height the pilot is compelled to devote his whole attention to the steering gear, and is prevented from taking careful observations. I propose constructing an aeroplane without these drawbacks, which will be of some use in actual warfare. It will resemble a huge bird, great simplicity of design being its conspicuous feature. The entire air-resisting surface will consist of one large half elliptical front sail and a tail-like steering appendage behind. The large sail rests on a triangular prism of hollow steel, which also supports the five seats and the motor. The latter is fitted with four Parseval propeller blades, which are not solid, but made of loose stuff with weights at the end, which hang down listlessly when the motor is at rest. Centrifugal force causes them to fly out and stretch when in motion. The advantage of such a blade is the diminution of weight, facility of transport and avoidance of accidents.

After a smart run of sixteen days, the British steamer Antilochus, of the Blue Funnel fleet, arrived at Yokohama last Friday, according to advices received by Dodwell & Co., agents. The Antilochus loaded at Seattle and Tacoma, putting to sea December 2. Steamer Bellerophon, of the same fleet, arrived at Liverpool Sunday, with general cargo from Puget Sound and the Orient. The Bellerophon put to sea October 2 and has made good time on the homeward passage.

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Grand Ball—We learn that the ball to be given by the members of Vancouver lodge on Monday evening next promises to be a very successful affair. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Seymour, and Admiral and Mrs. Hastings will be present. Those who desire to participate will require to make early application to the committee.

The Holiday seems not to be allowed to pass unimproved. In addition to the Governor's and Masonic Balls, an amateur dramatic entertainment by gentlemen connected with Her Majesty's fleet at Esquimalt will be given under the auspices of Admiral and Mrs. Hastings, at the Alhambra Hall, on the evening of the 29th. The pieces selected are the farce of "Pipkin's Rustic Retreat" and "The Steeple Chase." The principal characters are to be sustained by Messrs. Brodie, Stopford, Dickens, Jauncey, Berkely, Stork, Logan, and Pirie. A delightful evening is anticipated.

After the trial of the Tiger steamer today, a collation will be spread at the Alhambra for the friends of the company. The Tigers never do anything by halves.

Property Sale—Mr. McCrae yesterday sold a farm of 250 acres with offices, recently pre-empted, for settlement in the Comox district for $900, exclusive of the charges thereon.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. Lucy's latest instalment of his "Sixty Years in the Wilderness" in the December Cornhill contains references, among others, to Mr. Chamberlain. Concerning one side of Mr. Chamberlain's character, "out of the range of the public eye," Mr. Lucy says: "In the private relations of life the inflexible political fighter is the most lovable, the most loved of men. A brilliant conversationalist, endowed with a keen sense of humor, he is the life and soul of the company in which he chances to find himself. A redoubtable foe," Mr. Lucy adds, "Mr. Chamberlain is a friend whose loyalty knows no bounds." On one occasion Mr. Lucy wrote a magazine article discussing Mr. Chamberlain's chances of succession to the Premiership. After its appearance Mr. Lucy met Mr. Chamberlain at a dinner at Robson Roose's. Mr. Chamberlain "evidently did not like the article." "If," he said, "you want to know the truth about the matter I will tell you. Never at any time in any circumstances do I intend to be Prime Minister of the Unionist party. I am ready to serve under Mr. Balfour or anyone else who may be preferred to the post. I confess it was different when I was on the other side. Fifteen years ago I was certainly resolved to be Prime Minister in the Liberal succession. If I had been you would have seen established that condition of Liberal Imperialism of which Rosebery and others futilely talk today."

It may not be generally known that Mr. Chamberlain nearly became Governor of the Cape. There was a vacancy in that post in 1889, when Mr. Chamberlain held no office. It occurred to Lord Salisbury that he would be the very man for the colony. "It would not be accurate to say," Mr. Lucy remarks, "that the Governorship was actually offered and declined. Certainly Mr. Chamberlain was made aware that the opportunity of undertaking the government of Cape Colony was at his disposal. . . He was, I believe, not indisposed to accept the position, but the prospect of temporary banishment from London at a critical stage of politicad history was not alluring, and the prospect was nipped in the bud." Mr. Lucy thinks it not improbable, if Mr. Chamberlain had taken up his residence for five years at Capetown, within measurable distance of Paul Kruger, that necessity for the war would never have arisen.

On one occasion Ellen Terry dined at Mr Lucy's house, and among the company was Mr. Balfour. He came from the House of Commons, where he was engaged in debate on an important Ministerial measure. "Ellen Terry sat strangely silent through the brilliant conversation. I fancied, being out of her ordinary line, it might bore her. Mr. Balfour leaving early to resume his duties at the House of Commons, she broke silence with a remark which showed I was mistaken. Bringing her closed hand with a thump on the table, she exclaimed, with a glance towards the door through which he had passed, 'I think that man's a duck.'" Miss Terry told Mr. Lucy later, "with perhaps kindly exaggeration," that she had never enjoyed a dinner-party more.

Abdul Aziz, ex-Sultan of Morocco, travelled on the English steamer Magnus from Casa Blanca to Tangier. According to the statements of those who witnessed his departure, says the Telegraph's correspondent, he displayed the greatest curiosity to see everything on board. The steamer is an old paddle-boat, which forty years ago carried passengers between Calais and Dover. There is nothing remarkable about her but Abdul Aziz insisted on being shown over the vessel. He went into the engine room, and remained there several minutes, with rather a comical result. He was dressed in snow-white garments, which, by the time he had finished his inspection, were soiled by coal-dust and oil, while his hands were as black as a stoker's, as he insisted on touching everything. This is the first time that Abdul Aziz has been on board a steamer, as Sultans while reigning are unable to leave their realms or even visit a ship belonging to the infidels.

"The pleasant presence of Walter Long," Disraeli's famous phrase, has been recalled to the mind of Parliamentarians of today by the striking tribute now paid to another Walter Long by his political colleagues in the House of Commons. But, says the Pall Mall Gazette, there was a much earlier Walter Long at Westminster, who in these congratulations ought not to be forgotten, and that is the Wiltshire squire who was among the doughtiest friends of Sir John Elliot, in the earlier part of the immortal Parliamentary struggle with Charles I. So doughty indeed that he was one of the three who, sword in hand, held down the Speaker in the chair and swore he should sit therein until it pleased them to rise, while Elliot read his historic Declaration of Right. And for this Walter Long was summoned before the Privy Council as a preliminary to being heavily mulcted, and "there was not another Parliament in England for eleven years."

BRITISH OPINION

The Standard says:—The question of dissolving or not dissolving is, of course, reserved for the Prime Minister, and, on the whole, we are inclined to think that Mr. Asquith will lean rather to the cautious policy indicated by his Postmaster-General than to the desperate course which the Irish secretary appears to favor. If Ministers dissolve it will not be because they were defeated on a measure which they never expected to carry. There is but one reason why they should rush into certain defeat. They are all at their wits' ends over the next Budget. Since they have little hope of meeting their obligations at Easter, they may think it wise to present a petition in bankruptcy. According to the most sanguine estimate, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have to provide £15,000,000 of new revenue, and £22,000,000 is more likely to be the amount required. There has been some suggestions of raising several millions sterling from the licence duties on public-houses. That, however, is mere nonsense. Ministers, it is known, are haunted by the fear that they may be driven by sheer lack of pence into some taxation of imported commodities which could not be distinguished from tariff reform. Rather than face the necessity they might take refuge in dissolution.

The Daily Express says:—The judgment in the Court of Appeal on Saturday in the case of Mr. Osborne against the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants is the deathblow to the clever Socialistic policy that was initiated when the red flag was nailed to the mast of the Labor party. We know no more astute move in the whole history of British politics than the capture of the trade union funds by the Socialists, and it is this capture which has now been definitely denounced as illegal. The judgment of the Court of Appeal cannot be regarded lightly. It was a unanimous verdict of four great jurists, one of whom at least is a Liberal in politics. We agree with Mr. Bell that the action of Mr. Osborne would not have been taken had it not been for the successful Socialist attempt to capture the trade union funds. And we believe that the Appeal Court verdict will be received by thousands of the rank and file among trade unionists with relief and satisfaction, however loudly their leaders may protest. Henceforth if the Socialist wishes to write M. P. after his name he must do so without collecting unwilling sixpences from the slender purses of non-Socialist working men. The Socialist peril, however, still exists, the Socialist is by no means beaten yet.

The Daily Mail says: Mr. Birrell's heroics at Warrington on Saturday shed no fresh light on the course which Mr. Asquith proposes to follow. The Irish secretary was content to talk rather after the fashion of a political pamphleteer than of the cabinet minister, and to shower mere abuse upon the Upper Chamber. With sad want of humor, seeing that his own party has been tolerably active in the creation of Peers, he inveighed against the House of Lords because its members did not "drop from heaven," but were, it appeared, "an article of manufacture," made "for reasons which won't bear examination." We may perhaps be permitted to remind him that Cabinet Ministers also do not "drop from Heaven," are not infrequently "manufactured" by caucuses and partisan machinery, and sometimes even are created by reason of such services as the invention of "terminological inexactitudes" for electioneering purposes. We are driven to conclude that Mr. Birrell meant nothing in particular, and that his speech was one more example of those "objurgations of Liberals who would not risk the loss of seats," which one of his own party journals tells him "merely move the laughter of the electorate."

Mr. Birrell's speech, remarks the Daily News, closed with a reference to the next general election and an appeal to the Liberals of Warrington to be "ready for action." That appeal means, we take it, that, short or long, the next session of this parliament is likely to be its last. In that case the main duty of the government is so to live as to make itself necessary to the democracy on whose verdict it must depend. It would be the natural procedure to present to the Lords a second time the Licensing Bill which they have so contemptuously rejected. That would be, we are afraid, a mere formality, and of such formal skirmishing there has been too much. But on one point we are clear. If another effort is to be made with licensing, it is by the whole bill, or at least by the essence of the bill, that the party must take its stand. It is the time limit which is its essence, and if by any chance the Lords should think of compromising that is the feature which cannot be surrendered. In this connection we confess that we look with some apprehension on the policy of imposing high licences. The brewers in throwing out the bill meant to indicate that they would prefer high licenses, if by so doing that they could buy the freehold of their public houses. To accept this choice would be to compromise the whole future of temperance reform. The moral is, we think, that Mr. Lloyd-George must look to the taxation of unearned wealth, and especially of land, for the balance of his pension budget.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Funds for Orphans' Home

The secretary of the Protestant Orphans' home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the sum of $46.25, the proceeds of a concert given by the young people of North Saanich at Sidney recently, and contributed to the home.

Christmas Communions.

The communion service will be celebrated in St. Mark's church on Christmas morning at 8 a.m., and at the conclusion of the 11 o'clock service the rector, Rev. W. Baugh Allen, officiating. The Rev. John Grundy will officiate at both services in St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, on Christmas morning, at 8 a.m., and at 11 a.m. Owing to circumstances which at the moment are unavoidable, the communion service, which otherwise would have been held in St. Mary's church, at Metchosin, upon Christmas Day, will take place at Matins on New Year's Day.

Fined for Sunday Selling.

Charles Tulk, proprietor of the Victoria hotel, was yesterday fined $20 for allowing liquor to be supplied in his hotel on Sunday, the 13th instant. The evidence showed that W. H. Handley, the license inspector, went into the washroom of the Victoria between 12 and 1 on the Sunday mentioned and there found A. Brown, of 562 Menzies street, in the act of drinking a glass of beer. The bartender of the hotel also had a glass which he was in the act of filling from a bottle. He saw no money pass. Mr. Tulk was not there, being in the office at the time, and reprimanded the bartender for disobeying his instructions.

Decorate Chapel for Christmas.

The chapel of St. Ann's Academy will be handsomely decorated for Christmas Day, one of the principal features being a large painting of the Madonna with the divine new-born child, beautifully modelled in wax, and so placed as perfectly to harmonize with the portrait of the Virgin Mother, and to strengthen the life-like representation of the memorable scene, which was displayed upon the first Christmas morning, something over 1900 years ago, in the Royal City of Bethlehem. This representation, as has been customary for some years past, will remain on view in the chapel until the end of the month of January.

Trutch Home Sold

A large portion of the old Trutch estate, including the old home of the late Sir Joseph Trutch, has been purchased by W. J. Hanna, of this city. The deal was negotiated through the local agent of the property, A. W. Jones, who recently divided the three or four acres which it embraced into lots and placed it on the market. It is Mr. Hanna's intention to alter and improve the building to a large extent, although the original structure will not be completely destroyed in the process. The house faces on Trutch street and is considered one of the most desirable residential sites in the eastern section of Victoria.

A Valuable Patent

The B. C. Ferro-Concrete Pile Co., Ltd., of this city, has received a Canadian patent through Mr. Stedham, a member of the company and the inventor, for ferro-concrete piles. These piles are made of steel rods and concrete, and are somewhat similar to the ferro-concrete piles now being used so extensively in Australia and New Zealand. They are made on the ground in wooden molds, have a steel point and are driven just as ordinary piles are. They can be drawn without injury and used over and over again if desired, for they are indestructible. They present an unbroken concrete surface to the water and are consequestly impervious to the teredo or any other destructive agency. The esteem in which ferro-concrete piles are held in New Zealand is shown by the fact that money is borrowed there on long-term debentures to pay for wharves constructed of them. The piles can be connected with ferro-concrete braces and covered with a ferro-concrete floor, making a structure that is absolutely imperishable.

City Representatives Absent

The failure of the city members to put in an appearance yesterday at the meeting of the joint committee of the councils of Victoria, South Saanich and Oak Bay, appointed to discuss and submit a report on the question of the establishment of a public abattoir, resulted in the meeting being called off. The representatives of the rural municipalities, Councillors Dunn and Mannix for South Saanich, and Councillor F. B. Pemberton for Oak Bay, were on hand at the appointed hour of 3 o'clock but the city representatives, Aldermen Gleason and Pauline were absent and the meeting was called off. The abattoir idea was advanced as a means of doing away with the present practice of butchers conducting slaughtering houses as at present. Under the abattoir system all slaughtering would be done in one spot and modern methods of cold storage would be supplied. The representatives of Oak Bay and South Saanich are in favor of the idea provided the abattoir is located in the city, but they will not agree to the plant being located within the boundaries of their respective municipalities. Alderman Gleason, while in the old country, gathered much information as to abattoir methods there, but so far he has not submitted a report thereon.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 22, 1908:

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure has decreased considerably on the northern coast and a disturbance is moving southward to Vancouver Island; snow is falling at Barkerville and on the American plateau lands and rainfall has been general from Port Simpson to San Francisco. East of the Rockies the pressure is low in the two western provinces but a new high area has developed in Manitoba and at Winnipeg and Port Arthur snow is falling.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	41	43
Vancouver	36	41
New Westminster	36	38
Kamloops	24	30
Barkerville	16	32
Fort Simpson	38	..
Atlin	14	30
Dawson, Y. T.	12 below	2
Calgary, Alta.	10	40
Winnipeg, Man.	10	14
Portland, Ore.	32	34
San Francisco, Cal.	38	42

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Increasing easterly winds, unsettled with rain or sleet and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Easterly winds, unsettled with rain or snow and not much change in temperature.

TUESDAY.

Highest	43
Lowest	41
Mean	44

Rain, .10 inch.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B.C., December, 1908.

Date	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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OBITUARY NOTICES

Chung

The funeral of Lung Chung, the Chinaman who died on board the steamer City of Nanaimo on Saturday last, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. from the Hanna parlors.

Evans

The funeral of the late Joseph Evans, who met with the sad shooting accident on Sunday last, will take place this afternoon at 2 p. m. The services will be held in the Hanna chapel, and the Rev. A. J. Brace will officiate. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Sons of England.

Clarke

The death occurred at the St. Josephs hospital last evening of Margaret Clarke. The deceased was 73 years of age and a native of Ireland. The late Mrs. Clarke was well known throughout the city, being an old-timer here. She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, Mrs. P. H. Carroll, of this city, and Mrs. W. Shewan, of Goldfields, Nevada. The remains were removed to the Hanna parlors and the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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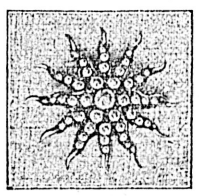

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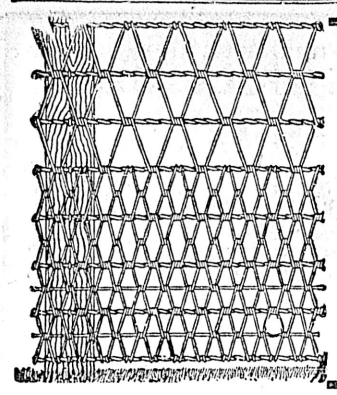

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POLICE COURT USED TO COLLECT DEBTS

Magistrate Jay Makes Caustic Remarks While Dismissing the Case

The case against F. A. Horsfall, charged with having obtained $42.50 from Stewart Williams & Co., by false pretences, was dismissed by Police Magistrate Jay yesterday, who at the same time made some caustic remarks on what he considered to be an attempt to use the police court for the purpose of collecting a debt.

The case was prosecuted on behalf of the complainant by H. H. Shandley, who yesterday announced that he proposed to proceed no further with the charge. He explained that his client had bought some furniture from the accused and had paid him a marked cheque for the amount stated, which had subsequently been cashed. They were subsequently given notice by a well-known lawyer that the furniture belonged to Mrs. Horsfall, and failing to get the money back, had laid an information. Mr. Shandley stated that the wife was a material witness and that he had been unable to locate her for the purpose of serving her with a summons. He had been assisted by the Provincial police, who also had not been able to find the lady. In any event she was not a compellable witness and he felt that he could not successfully continue. It was very possible that the affair was largely the outcome of a family trouble. The money was going to be refunded.

Magistrate Jay said: "It seems to me that the court is being used for the purpose of trying to collect a debt. This is a very serious charge and it should not be lightly made. I shall discharge the accused and I take this opportunity of expressing my extreme disapproval of the whole proceedings."

While the magistrate was talking, Horsfall interrupted with some applause, for which he was sternly rebuked by the magistrate, while Mr. Shandley threatened to go ahead after all and make it interesting for him. However, nothing of the kind happened, and Horsfall left the court without further trouble. He has been in jail since Saturday on account of the affair, and feels very much aggrieved about the matter.

Christmas Shopping

The stores were crowded last night with Christmas shoppers. All the principal ones have been decorated, some of them very tastefully and Government street was a gay and busy scene last evening.

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Court of Revision

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WINNING TICKETS IN TOMBOLA DRAW

Prizes Won at Geneva Association's Dance on Monday —Many Unclaimed

A tombola drawing was held during the Christmas tree, social and dance, which took place on Monday night under the auspices of the local branch of the International Geneva Association, at the A. O. U. W. hall. Those present who held winning tickets claimed their awards, but there were many which were not distributed. For the benefit of those who hold numbers drawn and were not in attendance to respond to the call the result of the draw is published. Those prizes may be obtained on applying to W. Rosshert, at 509 Superior street. The numbers of the tickets and those of the prizes corresponding are appended in the order mentioned:

(1-100: 66, 8; 40, 56; 72, 96; 94, 40; 13, 91; 97, 88; 21, 38; 20, 86; 58, 89; 88, 48; 16, 14; 34, 6; 25, 79; 4, 25; 54, 71; 83, 58; 37, 111; 53, 35; 12, 68.

(100-200): 101, 53; 188, 3; 156, 62; 173, 72; 166, 88; 125, 57; 169, 97; 160, 30; 118, 29; 186, 104; 181, 15; 168, 32; 129, 101; 189, 44; 143, 67.

(201-300: 256, 110; 243, 2; 218, 100; 220, 107; 260, 114; 219, 115; 248, 77; 299, 20; 297, 49; 227, 31; 221, 90.

(301-400): 361, 45; 347, 23; 368, 47; 325, 52; 310, 75; 380, 19; 385, 109; 397, 78; 358, 76; 381, 24; 338, 108; 301, 92; 348, 83.

(401-500): 448. 54; 413, 59; 446, 41; 489, 80; 485, 87; 497, 94; 450, 103; 405, 28; 494, 65; 412, 59; 492, 112; 453, 33; 426, 36.

(501-600): 599, 7; 541, 13; 583, 26; 519, 18; 575, 105; 569, 116; 560, 55; 602, 85; 571, 4; 551, 20; 509, 39; 582, 66; 511, 11.

(601-700): 657, 27; 616, 37; 632, 51; 617, 1; 622, 34; 610, 50; 619, 12; 686, 43; 602, 17; 648, 17; 606, 63; 634, 99; 608, 93; 601, 5; 696, 81; 620, 73.

(701-800): 799, 60; 754, 48; 768, 42; 717, 21; 728, 61; 775, 69; 756, 74; 796, 10; 791, 22; 724, 64; 780, 46; 769, 9; 764, 102.

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Facts in Connection With Elk Lake Shooting Not Considered Satisfactory

No verdict was rendered by the coroner's jury which sat yesterday for the purpose of investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Joseph Evans, who was accidentally shot on Sunday morning at the door of his cabin on the shore of Elk Lake. Owing to the fact that the evidence submitted was not considered sufficiently complete the Provincial police authorities decided that an adjournment of the inquest should be made until further inquiries are made. Accordingly after taking the evidence of Charles Pigeon, who saw the accident, and John Alexander and Thomas Clarkson Smith whom Pigeon summoned after the shooting, Dr. Stanier, acting coroner in the absence of Coroner Hart, adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The only eye witness to the occurrence was Pigeon, but his evidence was hardly satisfactory. He showed a disposition to argue the point and his statements while voluminous were hardly as definite as they might have been. He testified that on Sunday morning he left Keating, where he is employed as a blacksmith, and proceeded along the V. & S. railway track in the direction of the city. Sometime between 10 and 11 o'clock as he was walking on the track just below Evans' cabin the latter saw him and asked him to come in and have a drink. Evans was standing in the door of his cabin with a shot gun in his hands, held by the muzzle, the butt resting on the ground. The door sill was about twenty inches above the ground and standing as Evans was the muzzle pointed against the lower part of his body on the left side.

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Pigeon stated that when Evans called to him, he (Pigeon) in a jocular manner called out "Joe, you are meeting me like a Boer," the allusion, the witness explained, being to the time when he and Evans served in the South African war. Evans apparently started to back up into the house and Pigeon called out, "I say Joe. If you are a friend of mine you won't drag up that gun that way" Evans at that moment was dragging the gun by the muzzle as he backed into the cabin. As he did so the gun exploded evidently the hammer was sprung back as the gun passed the door sill and then, when released from the pressure, shot forward striking the cartridge, the charge of shot striking Evans in the groin and inflicting the fatal wound.

Pigeon also testified that Evans had told him, while the two were conversing, that he had heard a shot fired a minute or two before, and had accounted for the fact that he had his gun in his hand by saying that he had come out with the intention of also getting a shot at any birds which might have been located by the other sportsman. The two talked for some twenty minutes but Pigeon could give no connected account of what was said or done prior to the shooting. His mind was befogged, presumably by the potations which he had evidently partaken of prior to the inquest and he frequently informed the coroner that if that official did not think that what he was saying was correct he, (the coroner) could ask some of the other witnesses.

Pigeon stated that after the accident he ran about half a mile to the farm of Mr. Smith meeting Alexander en route, the two going to Mr. Smith. The three returned together and found that Evans was still alive. The wounded man asked Pigeon to take him to the hospital or get a doctor, but evidently this request was made immediately after the shooting and before Pigeon went for Smith for both Alexander and Smith testified that the wounded man made no remark after they arrived on the scene. It was about twenty minutes from the time Pigeon left Evans until he returned with Alexander and Smith. Evans was still living but he died a few minutes later.

Heard the Shot.

John Alexander, 1019 Caledonia st., who was out shooting in the neighborhood of Evans' cabin, and met Pigeon as the latter was hurrying to Smith's farm house, stated that he was on his way back to the city from his shooting trip and was near Evans' cabin when he took a shot at a blue jay. A minute or two later he heard another shot and then a little later he saw Pigeon running towards him. The latter called out that a man had been shot. Both ran over to Mr. Smith's house and the three returned to Evans' cabin where they found him lying in a pool of blood just inside the door of the cabin. Alexander ran to telephone for a doctor and returned, Evans was groaning but did not say a word. The gun was leaning against a table near the body evidently hving been placed there by Pigeon after the shooting.

Thomas Clarkson Smith, testified to Alexander and Pigeon coming to his house and telling him of the shooting. He immediately went with the two to Evans' cabin and found the latter lying on the floor as described by Alexander. Evans only lived about eight minutes after they arrived. Smith was there all the time and he did not think that Evans said a word. He groaned as if suffering great pain Pigeon took the two cartridges, the charged and empty one, from thegun.

Mr. Smith proceeded to express his opinion that the shooting was wholly accidental but he was cut short by the coroner who requested him to stick to facts as known to him and not give opinions.

Dr. Stanier, at the conclusion of Smith's evidence, informed the jury that the police authorities wished further investigation made and pending this the inquiry would stand adjourned until Tuesday next.

The jury was composed of T Nichols, forman; A. T. Aspray, Chas. Williamson, F. Lumley, T. G. Williams, W. D. Miller.

Prior to the resumption of the inquest a post mortem examination of the body will be held as is customary in such cases. The wound shows that the shot entered the body in an upward direction as would be the case if the gun, when discharged, was in the position as described by Pigeon.

The deceased was a member of Alexandra Lodge, Sons of England, under the auspices of which the funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of W. J. Hanna, Yates street. The members of the British Campaigners' Association, of which deceased was also a member, will attend the funeral and all members are particularly requested to be present.

Holiday Train Service

The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway will operate a double train service on Thursday, December 24th. Trains leaving the E. & N. Railway depot, Store street at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. All trains will be cancelled on December 26th, Christmas Day.

Burnside Mission Treat.

The children attending the Burnside Baptist Mission Sunday school were pleasantly entertained at tea in the schoolroom of St. Mark's church last evening. Tea was served at 6 o'clock and later in the evening the Christmas tree and its gifts added immensely to the pleasure and satisfaction of the youthful beneficiaries. Dr. William Russell is the superintendent of this flourishing school.

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In Woman's Realm

HERE AND THERE

"Gentle Speech" is the attractive title of an article in the November number of the North American Review. The writer is Price Collier. It was in the hope of learning whether the author could teach us what we all need so much to know that the article was read. What is at the bottom of that most delightful art of gentle speech which so few possess? How can Canadians especially Canadian women, acquire that greatest of accomplishments?

The writer of this article does not confine himself to the spoken word. All who, whether from the pages of a book, the columns of a newspaper, the platform of the orator, essay to inform others, or those who in the intimacy of home life converse with their friends should be, he insists, masters of the art of gentle speech. This mastery cannot be obtained easily.

"It must be admitted," says Mr. Collier, "that there is no fixed standard of speech, no one perfect example of good English writing any more than there is any one perfect standard of life among living men. Nor is good or bad English a mere matter of words and their mechanical arrangement, but it includes voice and gesture and intonation, and demands, not merely a rhetoric and grammar on one's table, but a trained mind and a chastened heart back of one's lips and tongue. To speak well and to write well can neither be learned of a schoolmaster nor be culled from a book. To speak well—and I mean by this to speak well not merely in public but as friends among ourselves—is the final touch of a thorough training in morals, manners, and experience. Indeed, I can fancy that the best English-speaking would be that of a man who would enter a room and speak so that you would only discover how charmingly he spoke after he ceased and some one else began."

And again: "It is because to speak well is to live well, it is because words are the children of the living, and the result of moral and mental training; it is because the man or woman of distinguished and noble speech, attained thereto by means of far more complex aids than grammar or dictionaries that the subject is worthy of consideration."

Indeed, many examples are given which show that the best of writers make mistakes in the rules of grammar and the reader is left to infer that one who observed them all might be very far from being a good speaker.

"English is not a cut-and-dried arrangement of words that one can learn as a freshman crams history for an examination, but it is flexible, changing and adaptable. There is English for the slippered ease and cozy comfort of one's own fireside; there is the style of speech suited to the glittering and uniformed function of fashion; there is the English of the pulpit, of the stage, of the platform, and not by any means one everlasting, unchanging form of correct speech, with which one must make love, deliver an oration, advertise for a cook, and tell fairy stories."

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The use of high sounding phrases and expressions borrowed from foreign languages is deprecated and the writer says of it:

"All this lies deeper than language. It is affectation; it is vulgarity; and these are matters pretaining to heart and mind and soul, and not to grammar and lexican. Such words and phrases are like rouge on the cheeks they color vividly the very defect that it was meant to conceal. They display the very ignorance that the speaker attempts to disclaim, or as Thomas Tuller says: "To clothe low creeping matter with highflown language is not fine fancy, but flat foolery."

Many examples are given from famous authors to show that the character of the writer is betrayed by the words he uses. Though he does not quote the beautiful hackney lines "She had a voice sweet, gentle and low an excellent thing in a woman." Mr. Collier criticises the loud voices of the women of the United States and argues that those who have wealth and leisure are under an obligation to cultivate the qualties of speech and manner and mind, that a busier life leaves little room for. The want of gentleness is to be attributed, thinks this writer to 'the lack of thoughtfulness, lack of that most subtle charity of sympathy with others which is not a set of rules, but the perfume of life.

Much more is said of the responsibilities of great public speakers but with this we are not concerned. If this writer is right, if as we learn on higher authority than his "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," it is useless for us if we have low ideals and vuglar and mean thoughts to hope to express ourselves in beautiful words and gentle tones. On the other hand the very best of us can learn to use carefully the words that have come to us from the wisest and best of our race.

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"I never know whether she will look my way or not," was a remark overheard recently in the street. A glance at the speaker might have given rise to wonder that any one should not enjoy a glance at so very pleasant faced a woman and the tone in which the remark was made indicated that amusement rather than annoyance or chagrin gave rise to it.

There is far too much of the spirit which causes averted glance in our city. Why should any person refuse to recognise an acquaintance or avoid doing so. It surely is not much trouble to bow and a pleasant smile costs nothing. The glance of recognition may give pleasure, the refusal of it will certainly give annoyance if not pain. We may shrug our shoulders and laugh as we will but no one enjoys being slighted or treated as an inferior.

Yet, after all, the one to be pitied is she whose mind is so narrow and whose heart is so shallow that there is not room in it for kind feeling and genuine friendship. The woman who esteems wealth or position so highly that she would slight the shabbiest of the poorest woman she knows, deprives herself of what is of greater value than either.

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"The Playground" is the name of a monthly journal published at Madison Avenue, New York, As its name implies it is devoted to the spread of the movement for playgrounds for children in all cities. The articles in it are well written and show what child lovers have done in the great cities of the eastern states to make life brighter and better for the children of the very poor.

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It is not only in the homes of Victoria that preparations are being made to keep the festival in the good old way. At the Yates street mission the men have brought their contributions to the matron and a bountiful table will be set for dinner and supper on Christmas Day. There many, who would else have a cheerless day in lonely rooms, will have the pleasure of entertaining their friends and sharing in a cheerful homelike meal. The friends of the mission are reminded that they can add greatly to the pleasure of the occasion by sending gifts of fresh magazines and flowers with which to decorate the tables.

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There is an article on "Flowers for the children' that touches the heart and brings vividly before us the contrast between the children of our own happy city and those of the great centres of population. The following paragraph shows that the children are kin all the world over.

"Unless one has witnessed a flower distribution in one of the poorer districts of the city, where the population is so congested, and brick pavements are more in evidence than grass, trees, or flowers, one cannot understand what it really means to the children, and even to the tired and discouraged mothers and fathers in the dingy homes where life at best is so hard. The little bunch of bright blossoms so eagerly received by the childish hands outstretched for them carries sunshine to lives absolutely starved for color or beauty. And how they are treasured! The sight of the tiny bouquet in cracked cup or glass, or even in a tin can, has brought tears to many an eye. The sick ones in the homes are always remembered, and the lesson of unselfish giving is taught to even our wee ones who often share their blossoms on the way homeward with a small friend or stranger who was not lucky enough to get to the play school that day."

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the ladies and gentlemen who attended the closing exercises of St. George's boarding and day school, where the classes are taught by Mrs. Suttie and her assistant, Miss Henderson. Miss Ohlsen, who played the accompaniments for the children and treated the audience to a piano solo, has been studying for some years in Germany. Miss Ohlsen will be the music teacher at St. George's school next term.

The songs and recitations by the children were beautifully rendered. Their voices were sweet, their enunciation almost perfect and their manner natural. How great pains had been taken to give the little people the correct pronunciation of their words only a teacher could appreciate. The following is the programme:

"The Maple Leaf."
Recitation—"The Fruit Tree" Bjornson
Jessie Oats, Winnie Lee, Ernest Hall and Maitland Twigg, with chorus.
Song—"Baby's Horse" .....Wardle
The Little Boys.
Recitations—"The Bee".....C. Rosetti
Julien Menkus.
"The Busy Bee"...Watts
Jim Hanbury.
Recitation—"September"....M. Howitt
Gwendolyn Humphreys.
Song—"Baby in the Garden"..Wardle
The Little Girls.
Recitation—"Ladybird, Ladybird" .... Old Rhyme
Edna Shouldice.
Piano solo .....
Miss Ohlson.
Recitation—"Hiawatha's Fishing" .... Longfellow
Beatrix Lees.
Song—"The Miller's Little Children".. ..... C. C. Moseley
Solos by Doris Macklin, Gwennie Huges, Bernard Lee and Joe Stubbington.
Recitation—"A Night with a Wolf".. ..... Bayard Taylor
Philip Twigg.
Recitation—"Sixpence" ....Old Rhyme
Bernard Lees.
Pianoforte duet—Waltz .....Kinross
Doris Macklin and Miss Ohlson.
Riddles and Rhymes .....
Harry Eakins, Bertie Oats, Joe Stubbington.
Recitation—"My Shadow" .... R. L. Stevenson
Kathleen Weeks.
Song—"Wynken, Blynken and Nod".. Words by Field; Music by MacDonald.
First Form.
Recitation—"Three Welshmen .... Old Rhyme
Laura Macklin.
Recitation—"The Babes in the Wood" ..... Nursery Rhyme
Elise Menkus, Alison Suttie, Gwennie Hughes.
Pianoforte duet—Melody .....Kinross
Beatrix Lees and Miss Ohlson.
Recitation—"A Little Girl" .... Alma Tadema
Doreen Ross.
Recitation—"The Fairies' Song" .... Shakespeare
Doris Macklin.
Reading of Reports .....
Christmas Carols and Hymns—
"Good King Wenceslas"
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!"
"Once in Royal David's City"
Solos by Beatrix Lees and Winnie Lee.
"God Save the King."

Before the singing of carols Mrs. Suttie gave a short address, in which she praised the children for the good work done during the long term. The school had grown so much during the year that larger premises had been taken and it was hoped that a still larger schoolhouse would be obtained in the coming year, where there would not only be large classrooms, but ample space for school games. Mrs. Suttie alluded to the name chosen for the school and hoped that the boys would be like St. George, brave and strong and true, and that the girls would be kind and helpful. The children wore the school colors, red, white and blue. Although it had not been the intention to give prizes this term the mothers had been kind enough to make presents, and these were given by Mr. Lee to those who had obtained the greatest number of marks. After the singing of the Christmas hymns the children went to the diningroom to enjoy the dainties Mrs. Suttie had so kindly provided, and their elders were invited to see the manual work of the pupils, which was very well done. On their return the grown-ups enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Suttie.

TRIED RECIPES

Christmas Plum Pudding

Chop fine half a pound of beef suet. Mix with it half a cup of flour, sifted with a teaspoonful each of mace, cinnamon and nutmeg. Then add half a pound each of sultana raisins or large raisins, seeded and cut in halves and cleaned currants, one-fourth a pound of citron, cut very fine, half a cup of sugar, preferably brown, and one cup and a half of fine, soft bread crumbs, and mix together thoroughly. Beat three eggs until very light and thick. Add half a cup of cream or rich milk, and use to mix the whole to a dough. The mixture should be quite stiff, but a little more milk or two or three tablespoonfuls of sherry wine or brandy may be required. Steam six hours. Serve with hard or liquid sauce, or with both.

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Christmas Fig Pudding

Chop fine half a pound of beef suet. Mix thoroughly with one cup of flour, then add a pound of figs, chopped fine, one cup of brown sugar, rolled smooth, and a section of candied orange peel, simmered in syrup and chopped fine. Mix all together thoroughly. Pass through a sieve, together, two cups of sifted flour, two level teaspoonful of baking-powder, half a teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth a teaspoonful of cloves, half a grated nutmeg and half a teaspoonful each of cinnamon and mace. Then sift again into the other ingredients, and mix the whole together thoroughly. Beat two eggs, add half a cup of sweet milk, and stir into the dry ingredients to form a stiff dough. Turn into a buttered mould and steam six hours. Serve with hard or liquid pudding sauce.

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Marshmallow Cream

Here is a very delicate and attractive dessert. Buy half a pound of fresh marshmallows and cut into pieces about a quarter of an inch square. Have ready a third of a pound of nut meats, almonds, pecans and English walnuts, ground in a meat grinder. Mix these with the marshmallows, blending them by stirring in lightly the white of one egg whipped to a stiff froth. Have ready a rather shallow cut glass bowl. Put a layer of the marshmallow mixture first, then one of Malaga grapes, seeded, another layer of the marshmallows and nuts, and finally a sprinkling of shredded pineapple—the canned is best—or Maraschino cherries, cut fine. Chill in the ice box and serve with whipped cream, the latter in a separate bowl.—Fort Worth Record.

ON HIS BLINDNESS

When I consider how my life is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide;
"Don't God exact day-labor, light denied?"
I fondly ask. But Patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, "God doth not need
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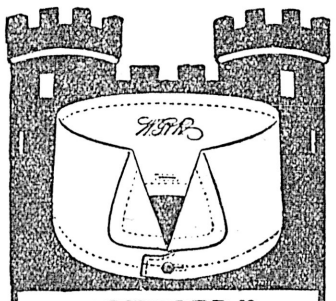

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AQUATIC SPORT TO BOOM

Island Craft Will Take Prominent Part in Races at Seattle

That yachting in Victoria is going to boom next season cannot be doubted Though the suggestion of boating at this time of the year seems incongruous, the subject is prominent in the minds of all who are directly or indirectly interested in the sport. The local club, resuscitated this year after a dormant period, is likely to double its membership as soon as the spring opens and boating once again begins to become attractive. In what shape will the organization be to take a prominent part in the international races of 1909 in connection with the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle? That is the question asked and its answer is exceedingly gratifying. That there will be local boats contesting the race open to small craft, that this city will be represented in the Dunsmuir cup competition, and that several launches will enter from this port in the long distance race is practically assured.

Entries for Everything

These are the three principal events of the meet and that those in touch with the conditions are able to state confidently that Victoria will participate actively in each is an indication of the reviving of the flagging interest in aquatic recreations. It is true that, at this early date, it is impossible to make public any of the particulars as to how such a remarkable step forward is to be achieved. But the unqualified assertion of men prominent in yachting circles make be accepted as worth its face value and, therefore, it may be taken as a fact that this city's part in the next Northwest international yacht and motor boat race will be as represented.

Small Boats Designed

No secret has been made of the intention of several yachtsmen to prepare for the new contest for smaller sailing craft. That decision was reached almost as soon as the announcement was made that a contest of the kind would be introduced. It is believed that the designs of these craft are ready and that the actual work of construction will begin in time to assure completion at a date that will enable the holding of a series of preliminary test races in order that the fastest boat may be selected to fly the colors of the Victoria club in the trial of speed against the craft from other cities.

Challenger for Victoria

Perhaps the most startling information is that this city will have a boat ready in time to enter the Dunsmuir cup contest or the international race in which the Spirit and Alexandra were the principals this year. It was not thought that, in view of the fact that the club has only been re-organized, that there wolud be anyone willing to advance the money necessary for the construction of a boat of the size necessary. But it was learned the other day that, not only was the project seriously contemplated, but that the design has been prepared and that arrangements were in hand for the building of the hull. Though it is impossible to divulge the details as yet, it is authoritatively stated that the craft, as it appears on paper, is one of the most perfect racing machines that ever been turned out in the waters of the North Pacific. It complies with the rules and regulations set down by the association to a hair's breadth, leaving no more waste space than could be needed to stand a tumbler upon.

Try Out With Spirit

When the new boat is completed it will be possible to give her a thorough test. She will not have to line up against the best of Vancouver, Seattle and other points raw and untried. Before leaving in the effort to bring to the island that handsome and coveted trophy, which represents supremacy on the coast, she will have to demonstrate her power in competition with Ted Geary's creation, the pride of Seattle yachtsmen and the fastest boat which ever appeared in the northwest—the Spirit. The latter was purchased after the last racing season, by C. Mackintosh. At present she is lying in Victoria harbor dismantled, in her winter garb, but as soon as spring's gentle zephyrs become sufficiently tempting, her silken garments will be donned and she will be made ready to give the prospective challenger a try-out. Therefore it is not an exaggeration to say that Victorians may be treated next year to some real sport in the way of yachting, and that the chances of the Dunsmuir cup finding a place in the show rooms of the local club are not as dim and distant as many fancy.

With regard to the 1909 international race an extract from a contemporary with reference to what is being done by the yachtsmen across the line is interesting. It follows:

When the Elliott Bay Yacht club, of Seattle, holds its annual meeting the second Wednesday of next January, it is quite probable that the club will decide to build a cup challenger to take the place of the Spirit, which first won and then lost the Alexandra cup. The Spirit sailed under the colors of the Seattle Yacht club, which is composed of enthusiastic young yachtsmen of Seattle, will very likely have a competitor in the next international regatta, which is to be held in Seattle next July.

If the Seattle Yacht club also decides to build a boat the race for the cup will be a merry one, for the Tacoma yachtsmen have already decided to build a boat and the Everett fellows will likely be in the running again next year. So the local yachtsmen will have to do some hustling in order to keep the cup.

NOTABLE KICK

Portland Soccer Player Sent Ball Almost Full Length of the Field

A remarkable kick of an association football, made in the City League game between Cricketers and Columbias on Saturday, is causing much wonder in soccer circles. It was made by J. J. Churchley, the 247-pound goalkeeper of the Cricketers, on a goal kick. Running from his goal at the ball, which had been placed 18 feet forward, Churchley gave it a tremendous swat that sent it clear to the fullbacks of the Columbias, where it struck without having been touched, rolled onward, still with great impetus, crossed the other end of the field and ended against the netting in front of the bleachers. The kick was doubly remarkable because the ball for over an hour had been rolling through mud and water, was thoroughly soaked and was probably nearly twice its ordinary weight. The spot where the ball fell was not marked so it was impossible to measure the distance but it was probably between 60 and 70 yards, while the sphere went fully 100 yards before it struck the bleacher netting. —Portland Telegram.

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SIX BASKETBALL MATCHES TONIGHT

Three Intermediate and Similar Number Junior Engagements

Three intermediate and three junior basketball matches are scheduled to take place tonight. In the former class the Esquimalt and Shamrock teams line-up at the Esquimalt hall near the Canteen grounds, the Victoria West and James Bay representatives try conclusions at the V. W. A. A. quarters, and the Y. M. C. A. and North Ward fives will decide a disputed question of supremacy at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, Broad street. The Y. M. C. A. and North Ward juniors are booked to meet at the former's hall, while the juveniles of the Victoria West and Shamrock clubs will meet at the former's rooms. The High School and Esquimalt juniors will play at the Institute hall.

Thus there will be six matches in progress this evening. It is doubtful if ever before in the history of basketball in this city there have been so many engagements on one day. It is probable, judging from indications, that every one of the matches will develop splendid exhibitions. Although the intermediate and junior races for local honors are not far advanced already, there is marked evidence that the struggles are going to be fierce in their intensity and exciting in their closeness.

The following will represent the High School in their game at the Institute hall:

Pike, Clarke, Campbell, Rivercomb, Johnston. The line-up of the Shamrocks will appear as follows:

Guards, Colbert and Carrol; centre, Keppock; forwards, Ecker and McDonald. The following is the personnel of the Shamrocks intermediate:

Brown, Keppock, Casanave, McDonald, McArthur.

INVITED SOUTH

Canadian Lacrosse Team May Make a Tour of Australia

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Bouse Hutton, Tommy Gorman, and Jack Shea of the Capital lacrosse team have been invited to go to Australia next Spring with Lou Solman's all-Canadian team.

Although these players have not been notified to that effect, it was intimated to Tommy Gorman some time ago that the Ottawa trio would be invited. When spoken to last night Shea stated he could go, but Gorman was uncertain. After his trip to England with the Olympics he feels he could not afford the time.

It is probable Mr. Solman intends picking a representative team from the N. L. U.

Practice on Christmas.

A full practice of members of the Victoria United football club has been arranged to take place at the Oak Bay grounds on Christmas Day. As the opening match of the Island league takes place early next month it is important that those who are willing to assist in the formation of a strong fast eleven should turn out and drill. Alexander Peden, the president of the organization, wants to assemble the material available on this holiday in order that he and other officials may obtain a line on the possible personnel of Victoria's representative aggregation.

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BURNS AND JOHNSON IN PINK OF CONDITION

Heavyweights Are Practically Through Preparations for Saturday's Fight

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 22.—Tommy Burns, French-Canadian heavyweight pugilist, and Jack Johnson, American colored pugilist, who are to fight here on Saturday next for the heavyweight championship of the world, are both in the pink of condition. Hard work has made him fit for a long and hard battle, and although the odds favor Burns, probably because of his recent victories, Johnson has many supporters.

Burns is quartered at Darling Point and has placed himself in the hands of his skillful trainer, O'Keefe, with O'Donnell, the Australian middleweight champion, as sparring partner. Johnson is at Manley, a seaside suburb. Jack Mullins is his trainer, and Bill Lang, whom Burns trimmed so handily in Melbourne lest September, has been doing his best for the past few weeks to give Johnson points on Burns' style of fighting. Several other pugilists have been assisting Lang in this task, and Johnson has been putting in the hardest kind of work with the gloves and on the road preliminary to what he considers the most important battle of his life.

Women Take Interest.

Both have been giving training exhibitions twice a week at their stadium and thousands of persons, including many women, have watched them at work. In this way they have been enabled to gather in a lot of money, a portion of which they intend to place on their chances. The public betting favors Burns at 5 to 4 and already a large amount has been placed in the hands of stakeholders at these figures. It is expected that 20,000 persons will see the fight, 10,000 tickets having already been sold. As yet a referee has not been selected but it is said a good man will be found within a day or two. Contracts for the pictufe rights are being made in all parts of the world.

When the final count of the referee at Rushcutter's Bay, Sydney, Australia, next Saturday proclaims Tommy Burns or Jack Johnson the world's champion heavyweight pugilist, the adherents of the fighting game of North America, Europe and Australia will have finally settled for them the much mooted question of which is the superior man. Since James J. Jeffries retired ana Burns definitely announced that he would defend the title against all comers—barring colored men—Johnson has camped on his trail, denying the right of Burns to draw the color line, and no little amount of public opinion has sided with the black man.

Preliminary Skirmishing.

Despite the clamor, however, Burns persistently refused to grant Johnson's demand for a fight and went his way piling up easy money against second and third-rate fighters. Nobody, however, doubted Burns' ability to give Johnson a good fight.

Bill Squires, the Australian, came across the seas with the championship bee and sought a fight with Jeffries, The Californian, however, was out of the game and Burns took him on in San Francisco. The fight lasted less than one round. Burns claimed that this battle clinched his right to the title of heavyweight champion, but Johnson still demurred. Burns then went to London, where he knocked out Gunner Moir in ten rounds and afterward whipped Jem Roach in Ireland and several other heavyweights.

Johnson followed Burns to London and challenged him. Burns declared he would give him a fight if a purse should be hung up of sufficient size to assure him $30,000, win, lose or draw, but this was not forthcoming and Burns sailed for Australia, where he again trimmed Bill Squires after a harder battle than the Australian had given him in California, and eight days later also defeated Bill Lang.

Big Purse Catches Burns

Then the fight promoters at Sydney hung up a purse of $35,000 and Burns cabled Johnson his ultimatum. This was that of the $35,000 Burns was to receive $30,000 despite the issue of the battle, Johnson's end to be $5,000. Johnson accepted and immediately left for Australia.

The fight will be to a finish in a twenty-four foot ring in the open air.

Besides the purse of $30,000 Burns will obtain a moving picture film, valued at $1,750, and transportation for himself and manager back to London making in all $33,000 that he will receive for meeting Johnson. Johnson also gets his travelling expenses from London to Australia and return.

Tommy Burns or Noah Brusso, as his name really is was born June, 17, 1881.

SOCCER MATCHES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Tacoma to Play Here Against Esquimalt—Two Second Division Games

Two soccer matches are scheduled to be played here on Christmas Day. The first fixtures of the Island league division will take place, the contest between the Esquimalt and Tacoma elevens will be held at the Canteen grounds. The latter club wrote to Victoria asking for a contest here on condition that the locals should return the compliment on New Year's Day. The Esquimalt organization accepted the proposition, and, as a return, the pigskin artists from across the border, will celebrate the holiday on British soil.

Another of the Island league second division series is announced for Ladysmith when the "A" and "B" teams of that town will try conclusions on their own area.

There is some doubt as to whether the Regiment and Wests will be able to meet here next Friday. It was stated yesterday by one of the officials of the militia club that the latter's team was not in shape, as yet, for the race for the district pennant and that it was not unlikely that they would ask for a postponement.

In the event of the Regiment deciding that they are not ready to pit themselves against the Wests it is probable that arrangement will be made for a series of Victoria district league games. The effort to bring off the local, the coast, the island and the provincial championship struggles within the narow confines of one season has resulted as might be expected, in the clashing of dates. Thus although the Victoria league fixtures are not finished, there being several more matches before either the Victoria West or James Bays may claim the honors, it is found that the time has arrived for the commencement of the struggle of the Island's representative aggregations. The postponement of the second division match of Christmas would give an opportunity for advancing the Victoria league another step and there is no doubt that it would be seized without hesitation.

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STANFORD PREPARING FOR NORTHERN TRIP

California College Team Selected—Erb, of Victoria, Makes Strong Bid

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The Rugby ball has made its farewell bounce for the local fans, and unless the Australian team now touring England pays a visit to San Francisco en route to the Antipodes there will be a lull untill the commencement of the fall of 1909. Of course the cardinal fifteen has yet to meet the best teams of British Columbia in their attempt to secure possession of the Keith-Copper trophy, but the local fans will only be interested from long distance.

The proposed game between Stanford and the Olympics was looked forward to by many fans as an after-dinner relish, and the announcement of the match being called off caused many regrets. The winged "O" athletes figured that as they had closed their reason in a flare of glory by winning the Wolf trophy from the Barbarians it would not be wise to take chances of reopening it with a game that promised defeat.

Should the Australian team pass this way and play against the two varsity fifteens an effort will be made to have them meet an all-star team selected from the Stanford, California, Olympic and Barbarian fifteens. With this end in view and for the purpose of showing whose work has entitled them to most consideration from selectors, three of the best-known local authorities have put their heads together and their choice will be found below. In figuring out the various positions the big game was of course given special consideration, as each varsity player was tested both from an ability and nerve standpoint, and there were those who failed to live up to their big reputations in the crucial moments.

Faulkner has been given the pride of place among the full-backs, with Briggs and Butler close up. Rossi of Nevada would have been in the running had his team been considered in the selection. For wing three-quarters Holman is of course a certainty, and Elliot's versatility gives him the other place, as the Barbarian skipper is known to be able to play any position on the field. For centre Freshman Harris' work is slightly in advance of Scott, whose sprinting power was his greatest asset. At five-eights little exception will be taken to the inclusion of Mitchell and Cerf, whose work in the varsity games was always sound and at the same time brilliant. Ganong, Phillips and Laumeister are close runners-up for the five line.

The fight for half led to a spirited discussion over the relative merits of Dwiggins and Erb, but the former was eventually given the shade. Swartz has easily earned the right to be considered the best wing forward by his consistency throughout the season and brilliance in the great battle. The choice of scrum men is entirely a matter of opinion, as there are so many capable candidates, but no one will gainsay the right of the selected seven to be included in a classy team. The fifteen follow:

Full-back—Faulkner, Stanford.
Wing three-quarter—Holman, Stanford.
Wing three-quarter—Elliot, Barbarians.
Centre three-quarter—Harris, California.
Five-eights—Cerf, California.
Five-eights—Mitchell, Stanford.
Half-back—Dwiggins, California.
Wing forward—Schwartz, California.
Rear rank—Miller, Stanford.
Rear rank—Minturn, Olympics.
Lock—Budelman, California.
Middle rank—Crawford, Stanford.
Middle rank—Aguirre, Olympics.
Front rank—Brown, Barbarians.
Front rank—Terrill, Stanfod.

Training for Marathon

To those Victoria athletes who are training for the Y.M.C.A. New Year seven mile race, the work which Longboat was called on to do before meeting Dorando would be interesting. It follows:—

7 a.m.—Called and rubbed down. Walks a mile before breakfast.
8 a.m.—Breakfast. Grape fruit, sirloin steak, toaost and coffee.
9 a.m.—Walks two miles. Rubbed down with a coarse towel.
10 a.m.—Runs from two to four miles in running togs and heavy sweater. Rubbed down and dresses for dinner.
12.30 p.m.—Dinner, roasts, baked potatoes, peas, pudding of eggs and milk. Two cups of tea.
1.30 p.m.—Two-mile walk to Passaic. Coarse towel rub on return.
3.30 p.m.—Hard work on dirt track at Clifton, N.J., of three to six miles. Rub down and massage.
6.30 p.m. Supper. Chops, toast and tea, with light fruit dessert.
Evening—Reads or plays cards, and retires promptly at 9.30 o'clock.

The steamer Den of Ruthven, of the Canadian-New Zealand line, left Auckland for Victoria via ports on December 13.

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On the Waterfront

IMPROVEMENT IS NATIONAL DUTY

Thomas C. Sorby on Necessity of Improving Shipping Facilities

GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO IT

Recommendations Made By Royal Commission on Transportation

Thomas C. Sorby, secretary of the Inner harbor association, whose work in the interest of the development of Victoria harbor has been untiring writes to the Colonist as follows:

"The admirable articles that have appeared, from time to time, in the Colonist on the Harbors of the world, and the enormous commercial advantages that have followed in the wake of these developments have aroused a feeling of enquiry as to what could be accomplished at Victoria.

"The true object of all harbors is to bring the great ocean carriers and the great land carriers in the closest possible contact so that the importation of raw materials and the exportation of the manufactured articles may be as rapid and inexpensive as possible. The solution of this problem is now the most vital question at all the leading ports of the world and is being taken up with energy by our neighbors on the Sound and all along the Pacific coast. The questions for us to consider are—who shall move?; what shall be done? who shall carry it out?

"The Royal Commission on transportation held a full enquiry in this city in 1905 and as a result recommended as follows: "That in accordance with the principle heretofore affirmed, the Government of Canada proceed to obtain by negotiation, purchase, expropriation or otherwise, all such lands on the waterfront of the Port of Victoria, or reasonably usable in connection therewith, as are owned or controlled by the Province of British Columbia, or the City of Victoria, or other public bodies, together with such other lands as the circumstances show to be reasonably necessary, and all land obtained in the manner above described or otherwise, be thereafter owned, held and administered and controlled by the Government of Canada for the public benefit and with the view to the accommodation of all interests which now or hereafter may desire to centre at or use the said port.'

"The Royal Commission thus clearly indicates that the development of all harbors is a National duty, but as Victoria is only one of an inmense number of harbors it is rather a large proposition to take up, and it is somewhat doubtful if any Government would, of its own volition, initiate such work in any harbor. The enormous advantages that have accrued to all port cities, whose enterprise has developed their local advantages, suggest that the municipality should seek to secure to all transportation companies equal right, advantages and running powers over municipal owned rails on its public streets and wharves.

"For this purpose they should own the whole of the foreshore as far back as the adpacent street, leasing sites and wharves to those requiring them, on a fixed basis, reserving always certain public facilities.

"These powers can only be obtained by a Federal Act, but as this would be taking up duties that might be fairly considered to be National, being part of a transportation system for the general good of the Dominion of Canada it would seem only reasonable that the Federal Government should give every possible facility even to the assumption of the control of the work. These are matters of negotiation and arrangement. The city has power to expend money in connection with any enquiry into any railway or harbor improvements and I do not think the ratepayers money could be more profitably spent than in seeking to develop the trade and industries of the port on lines that would ensure enchanced revenue to the city and mean constant employment to increased numbers of the wage earning portion of the community.

"With your permission I will refer later on as to what shall be done; and how it should be carried out.'"

HEROISM OF OFFICERS OF LOST SARDINIA

Recommended That Capt. Littler Be Enrolled on Carnegie's Roll of Heroes

An effort is being made to have Capt. Littler's heroism, incident to the disaster to the Ellerman liner Sardinia, burned off Malta with loss of 105 lives, recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund despite the fact that the action took place outside the scope of the regulations governing it. W. Moore, secretary of the British Shipmasters' association, writes as follows in this regard:

"The nautical profession is proud of the fact that the name of the late Capt. J. T. Belton, of the City of Dundee, is one of the first two to be placed on the Carnegie Roll of Heroes, but under present conditions the heroism of the late Capt. Littler, of the ill-fated Sardinia, is, unfortunately, outside the scope of the regulations governing the Carnegie Hero Fund, merely because it did not occur within the waters of the United Kingdom. I am stating this to remove considerable misapprehension which exists in the minds of the general public, who appear to think that the late Capt. Littler's name will, as a matter of course, be entered on the Carnegie Roll of Heroes. When Mr. Carnegie first inaugurated the fund the Guild urged upon him that he would remedy the most unfor-

THE LATE CAPTAIN LITTLER.

tunate condition he had laid down that none but heroic acts performed within the waters of the United Kingdom should be considered as within the scope of the fund. But, despite our earnest appeals, Mr. Carnegie remained firm. I understand that the full facts of Capt. Littler's remarkable bravery have been cabled to Mr. Carnegie, and we can only hope that it will convince him of the desirability—aye, the necessity—of bringing such cases within the limits of his Hero Fund. Should this be so, Capt. Littler's death will not have been in vain.

British newspapers all pay tribute to the heroism of Capt. Littler. Syren and Shipping says:

"The burning of the Ellerman liner Sardinia was one of the most dreadful disasters of the kind which has ever happened to a British ship. She was on a voyage from Liverpool to Alexandria via Malta with a cargo of Manchester goods and general, and had barely got clear of the Grand Harbor when the fore part became enveloped in flames. With a splendid gallantry which is as far beyond praise as the awful severity of his fiery ordeal is beyond the imagination, Capt. Littler took charge of the hand steering wheel and headed his steamer towards the land, remaining at his post until he fell a corpse. All honor to his memory and to that of the poor fellows who perished in the engineroom. Their deeds have shed a still brighter lustre on one of the finest services in the world."

Another journal says: "The disaster is relieved, as usual, by the heroic conduct of the crew and officers, which was in accordance with the best traditions of the British merchant navy. The master took the wheel, and died at his post; the crew acted with the utmost courage and coolness, serving out lifebelts and doing what was possible in such a state of terror as must naturally have existed."

The steamer Queen left the outer wharf last night for San Francisco.

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Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 10 miles an hour. Out, a steamer at 6 a.m.

Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind east, 6 miles an hour. Out, a steam schooner, at 6.30 a.m.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Rain, wind southeast, 13 miles an hour. In, U. S. steamer Buffalo at 3.20 p.m.; a collier at 2.30 p.m.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.80, temp. 37. Sea smooth.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Raining, calm. Bar. 29.77, temp. 39.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 10 miles an hour. Bar. 29.82, temp. 43. Passed out, a steamer, at 6 a.m.

Estevan, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a light southeast wind. Bar. 29.80, temp. 43. Sea smooth.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, an east wind, drizzle. Bar. 29.65, temp. 41. Sea moderate.

Cape Lazo, noon—Cloudy and southeast wind. Bar. 29.76, temp. 40. Sea moderate.

Point Grey, noon—Cloudy and calm, fog on inlet. Bar. 29.77, temp. 41.

Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind east, 6 miles an hour. Bar. 29.82, temp. 45. Passed out, a steam schooner at 6.50 a.m.

Pachena, noon—Cloudy, thick drizzle, wind east. Bar. 29.69, temp. 43. Sea moderate. The steamer Iyo Maru passed in at 10 a.m.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Light showers, calm, fog. Bar. 29.73, temp. 40. At 4 p.m. spoke the steamer Queen off Port Townsend, bound for Victoria.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a strong southeast wind. Bar. 29.60, temp. 42. Sea rough. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Rain, wind southeast, 13 miles an hour. Bar. 29.75, temp. 44. Passed in, U. S. steamer Buffalo at 3.20.; a two-masted steamer in, at 5.30 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Rain, light southeast breeze. Bar. 29.75, temp. 44. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Rain, wind southeast. Bar. 29.62, temp. 41. Sea moderate. Tees, up, at 1.30 p.m.

SEAS DAMAGED THE IYO MARU

Broke Rail and Flooded Cabins—Use of Wireless Telegraphy Illustrated

After a rough trip, during which two heavy seas which broke on the passenger deck, smashed the port rail for a considerable distance and pounded in the doors of two cabins, flooding them out, the steamer Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, arrived at the outer wharf yesterday soon after the Aki Maru, Capt. Yagi, backed out on her way to Japan with ten saloon and few steerage passengers and a heavy cargo of cotton, flour and general freight. Capt. S. J. G. Parsons, who has not visited Victoria for four years when he came in command of the Kaga Maru, was in charge of the Iyo Maru in the place of Capt. Ishikawa, having been transferred at Yokohama from the Sanuki Maru on the European line of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Capt. Harrison, another of the masters from the European line, is coming in command of the Tosa Maru instead of Capt. Nagao, and the Japanese shipmasters are going to the European run in the place of the European shipmasters.

The usages of wireless telegraphy on the Japanese liners were illustrated anew at the outer wharf last night. The Iyo Maru was at William Head when the Aki Maru was berthed at the outer wharf. By wireless, the masters conversed with each other, and it was arranged that the Iyo Maru should come up slowly and take the berth to be vacated by the Aki Maru. While the distant range lights of the Iyo Maru were seen in the gloom far out from the wharf, the crack and bang of the wireless in the little house on the poop deck of the Aki Maru was forwarding an ethergram to the coming steamer giving directions about taking her berth. Meanwhile the steamer Queen, outbound for San Francisco, came up with her searchlight flashing a bright beam across the end of the wharf, to take a place on the other side of the dock.

The Iyo Maru left Yokohama on December 8. She was the first steamer to sail after the arrangement made between the United States and Japanese governments for joint inspection by United States and Japanese medical officials came into effect. Two days out from Yokohama a strong gale was encountered with a heavy beam sea, and one huge sea which swept on board broke the port rail for a considerable distance. Another gale was encountered when the steamer was in 175 west, when a sea breaking over the port quarter smashed two cabin doors in and flooded out the rooms. No passengers were occupying them.

Fewer Passengers

There was a smaller complement of passengers than usual, two in the saloon, Miss J. S. Jones and H. B. Hammond, six second class passengers, Mrs. E. Washileiff, William Hall, S. Kano, B. Kidzu, S. Arai and Mrs. T. Higuchi, and 62 steerage passengers, mostly Japanese. There was one Corsican among the steerage passengers and two Russians. The passengers landed here numbered 15, all steerage.

The steamer brought a cargo of 1685 tons, of which 114 tons was landed at the outer wharf. This included 300 bags of refined sugar, 815 tubs of soy, miso, etc., 109 casks of diakon and other Japanese provisions; 620 bags of rice and 320 packages of general merchandise, mostly Japanese groceries. The cargo for Seattle included 553 bales of silk valued at slightly over a quarter of a million dollars; 1630 tubs of soy, miso and other Japanese wares of that class; 2030 mats of rice; 4665 boxes of tea; 5607 rolls of matting; 1210 bundles of bamboo; 4331 boxes of oranges; 417 bags of peanuts; 200 bags of refined sugar, and 2590 packages of general merchandise.

News was brought by the officers of the steamer that the boycott in China was being slowly brought to a close, and on the present voyage the steamer carried some Chinese cargo to Japan.

It appears there is some fear of endeavors being made in Shanghai to repeat the incitements to riot which had such remarkable effect at Hongkong. A Cantonese who was one of the instigators of the riot against Chinese merchants who were selling Japanese goods is reported to have arrived in Shanghai. The police are said to be on the alert, but there would seem to be little reason to fear such a movement at Shanghai, where the boycott against Japanese goods has never been as strong as in the south.

SHIPOWNERS ABOLISH THE MINIMUM RATE

Association of Sailing Ship Owners of London Will No Longer Endeavor to Maintain Union Figures

The Sailing Ship Owners' Association, failing to secure the rate of 27s 6d for carrying wheat and barley to the United Kingdom from the North Pacific coast, have abolished this minimum rate and shipowners, whose vessels are disengaged at North Pacific ports are now free to accept whatever rate they can get. The removal of the minimum is the result of the cutting of rates by the tramp steamers and French sailing ships, which being assisted by the mileage bounty, paid by their government, have accepted such low rates that vessels of the association of sailing ship owners at London have been in little demand. Some have been idle for over a year, and in one case a vessel has been laid up to await next grain season in the hope that conditions may improve.

The disengaged fleet is gradually growing smaller, but there are still enough idle vessels to make tonnage a drug on the market. The Lord Shaftesbury, which has been chartered to load a part cargo at a Fraser river mill for Australia, is being cleaned and painted in the drydock at Esquimalt, and will begin loading early next month. The Arranmore, which has been lying in Royal Roads, was yesterday towed into Esquimalt to join the idle fleet in the harbor there, including the Carradale, Senator, Halewood and steamers Agapanthus and Leelanaw. At San Francisco there are three disengaged vessels, seven on Puget Sound and nine at Portland. The latest grain charter, of the French bark Bossuet, is considerably below the rate for which the association of Sailing Ship Owners has been holding out. Exporters state that they cannot quote any figure as the prevailing rate for wheat and barley from this coast to the United Kingdom. Freights are extremely low and there is a probability that a dozen or more sailing ships, now idle on this coast, will lay up until next fall when the new season opens and owners hope for improved conditions.

One of the latest grain fixtures is that of the French bark Bossuet, which will load at Portland for the United Kingdom at 22 shillings 3 pence. This is 5 shillings 3 pence below the union minimum and indicates how weak the market is. Shippers anticipate no improvement in freights for months, not only on account of a poor demand but especially because of the large amount of tonnage seeking charter.

One of the features of the present season has been the chartering of not a few French ships for lumber. As a rule, French owners hesitate in accepting lumber charters, as they do not care to keep their tonnage so long in port loading. However, the grain market has been so discouraging this year that they have taken lumber rather than lay up their vessels or send them from this coast in ballast.

Advices from Australia state that there is still a fair demand for grain tonnage at good rates.

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FOUR MEN WASHED FROM BARK HAVILA

One Drowned During Blizzard off Horn, Others Being Rescued With Difficulty

Reporting a terrible experience battling with great fields of ice and awful storms in the South Atlantic, the Danish bark Havila, Capt. Duysen, arrived at Falmouth, England, Saturday, according to advices received by the Merhcants' Exchange.

According to the master's statement, the Havila sailed through miles of ice in which the little square rigger ran great chances of being crushed or of having the hull punctured and sent to the bottom. On October 10, during a terrific blizzard, four of the crew were washed overboard. One of them lost his life, the other three being rescued with great difficulty.

The Havila was the last wheat carrier of last season's fleet from Puget Sound, having put to sea July 11, after receiving cargo at Tacoma. Off this coast the vessel had some heavy weather, the report being brought several weeks later by a vessel which spoke the Danish packet. Since then nothing has been heard of the Havila, which was the smallest vessel to carry wheat from the Sound last season. Some anxiety was felt for the ship as she was out 161 days. Several other vessels, sailing from the Sound in June, arrived some time ago, so there was some fear that the Havila had met with misfortune.

The experience of the Havila bears out stories of extensive ice fields in the South Atlantic, close to the Falkland Islands, reported by many other vessels. Both the outward bound and homeward bound fleet have encountered great danger in these great fields. Since March and April ice has been seen by nearly every sailing ship rounding the cape of storms and many of them have been damaged or delayed. Not in years has the passage of Cape Horn been attended by so many dangers and difficulties.

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The gastric juices when in a perfect state do away with all foul odors, fermentation and decay, reduce the food to a disintegrated mass and the stomach then presses it into the intestines where another form of digestion takes place. Then the intestines take from this mass of food all that is nourishing and give it to the blood. The waste matter is thrown from the system.

If instead of nourishment the intestines receive impure deposits combined with a poisonous and imperfect gastric juice, it can be readily seen that they must turn such imperfect nourishment into the blood. The blood then being unable to give each part of the body that which it requires, becomes impoverished and disease is spread broadcast.

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MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive.

From the Orient.

Vesel	Due
Empress of China	Dec. 18
Iyo Maru	Dec. 24
Titan	Dec. 26
From Australia.	
Makura	Dec. 16
From Mexico.	
Georgia	Jan. 16
From Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 23
From Northern British Columbia Ports.	
Venture	Dec. 24
Princess Beatrice	Dec. 19
From West Coast.	
Tees	Dec. 18
From San Francisco.	
City of Puebla	Dec. 21
Umatilla	Dec. 26
Queen	Dec. 31

Sailing Vessels.

Vessel.	Left	Date
Puritan	Boston	

Steamers to Sail.

For the Orient.

Vessel.	Date.
Aki Maru	Dec. 22
For Australia.	
Makura	Dec. 31
For Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Dec. 31
For Skagway.	
Princess May	
For Northern British Columbia Ports.	
Venture	Dec. 24
Camosun	Dec. 16
Princess Beatrice	Dec. 21
For West Coast.	
Tees	Dec. 20
For San Francisco.	
City of Puebla	Dec. 17
Umatilla	Dec. 22
Queen	Dec. 27

Local Steamers.

Victoria-Seattle.

S. S. Princess Royal.

Leave Victoria 11:30 p. m. daily except Monday. Arrive Seattle 8 a. m. daily except Tuesday.

Vancouver-Victoria.

Leave Victoria 12.00 midnight daily. Arrive Vancouver 6:30 a. m. daily.

Leave Vancouver 1 p. m. daily. Arrive Victoria 6:00 p. m. daily.

Victoria-Seattle, via Port Townsend

Whatcom

Leaves Victoria 8 p.m. daily except Thursday.

Arrives daily at 2.20 p.m.

Upper Fraser River.

Beaver.

Leaves New Westminster 3 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Leaves Chilliwack 7 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Calling at landings between New Westminster and Chilliwack.

Vancouver-Nanaimo (E. & N. Ry.)

Joan

Leaves Nanaimo 7 a.m.

Leaves Vancouver 1:30 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Victoria-Nanaimo.

S.S. City of Nanaimo.

Leave Victoria Tuesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Leave Nanaimo Saturday at 2 p.m. Arrive Victoria Saturday at 9 p.m.

Leave Nanaimo Wednesday at 7 a.m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Thursday at 2 p.m.

Leave Nanaimo Friday 7 a.m. Arrive Union Bay and Comox Friday at 2 p.m.

Leave Union Bay and Comox Saturday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Sidney to Gulf Islands.

Iroquois.

Leaving Sidney Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday on arrival of V. & S. train.

Freight Rates.

Destination—	Puget Sound or B.C.
Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide, Sydney, 28s 9d to	30s
Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s to	32s 6d
Port Pirie	30s
Freemantle	37s 6d
River Platte Ports	41s 6d
Japan ports	30s
Shanghai	30s
Taku	30s
Callao	40s to 42s 6d
Direct to Nitrate Ports....40s to	41s 3d
Valparaiso for orders to discharge there and, or at one other port not north of Pisagua 2s 6d less direct	45s
South Africa ports, Cape Town, Delagoa Bay range	50s
Direct port United Kingdom	50s
Cork for orders to discharge at a safe port, United Kingdom or continent, between H. & H.	52s 6d

Grain.

For Portland or Puget Sound loading steamers are being paid 23s 9d for the United Kingdom or Continent, and sailers 22s 6d. For Japan ports, Shanghai or Taku, (strs.) $3.75 to $4.

The Overdue Market.

Ship Chateaubriand, 151 days from New Caledonia for Hull, 8 per cent.

Bark Austrasia, 119 days from New gua for Falmouth, 8 per cent.

Ship Derwent, 126 days from New Caledonia Breakwater, 10 per cent.

Norwegian ship Lansing, 100 days New Caledonia for Hampton Roads, reinsurance 10 per cent.

Norwegian ship Cortez, 101 days from from New Caledonia for Falmouth, reinsurance 10 per cent.

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CIVIC NOTICE

REWARD.

A reward of the sum of $50 will be paid by the Corporation of the City of Victoria for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who, during the week ending the 5th of December instant, broke the street lamps on the Esquimalt Road within the city limits.

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Between all Stations

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New Year—Tickets on sale Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.
Final return limit January 3rd.

Double Train Service Thursday, Dec. 24.

Trains leave Victoria 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
All trains will be cancelled on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th

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Steamers from Puget Sound and British Columbia ports connect at Skagway with the daily trains of the White Pass & Yukon Route for White Horse and intermediate points.

The winter service has now been established and passenger and freight stages making tri-weekly trips between White Horse and Dawson connect with the daily trains at White Horse.
For further particulars apply to
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The Mystic Spring by D. W. Higgins has been republished, it is now on sale at Victoria Book and Stationery Co., Limited.

EMPRESSES
CANADIAN PACIFIC ATLANTIC STEAMSHIPS

St. John, N. B., to Liverpool.

Empress of Britain	Dec. 25th
Lake Manitoba	Jan. 2nd
Empress of Ireland	Jan. 8th
S. S. Corsican	Jan. 22nd
Empress of Britain	Jan. 29th
Lake Champlain	Feb. 6th
Empress of Ireland	Feb. 12th
Empress of Britain	Feb. 26th
Lake Erie	March 6th
Empress of Ireland	March 12th
Lake Manitoba	March 20th
Empress of Britain	March 26th

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With a notable cast, augmented orchestra, and a chorus of fifty trained voices.
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JOSEPH BALL.

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish—but won't wash clothes.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

W. Butler, of Keatings Crossing, spent yesterday in town.

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Jack Moffat left yesterday on a short visit to Porland, Ore.

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W. G. Ayre, of Baker City, Oregon, is at the Empress.

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Mr. and Mrs. Snell, of Manson, Man., are registered at the Dominion.

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J. Gardner, of Edmonton, is staying at the Balmoral.

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R. H. Harvey Lloyd, of Mount Tolmie, is spending a few days in the city on business.

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Mrs. Bicknell, of Sidney, was among the outgoing passengers by the V. & S. train yesterday.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chapin left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

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Miss Grylls left this morning on the Princess Royal on a short trip to Seattle.

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Perrin's Kid Gloves for ladies, black, browns and tans, per pair $1.50, $1.25 and $1.00
Perrin's Long Kid Gloves, per pair $3.00 and $2.50

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Long Lace Scarfs $1.25 to ... 25c
Wool Motor Scarfs $1.50 to 65c
Wool Fascinators 85c, 60c and 50c
Wool Shawls from 65c
Silk Shawls $2.00
Lace Collars 50c, 35c, 25c, 20c and 12½c
Fancy Chiffon Collars $1.25, $1.00, 85c and 50c

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Friday, Dec. 25, Saturday, Dec. 26

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The long awaited great American play —N. Y. Press.

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Victoria THEATRE
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BIOSCOPE

Owing to the Theatre being filled with our usual attractions, Pictures will not be shown Xmas week. Will start again Wednesday, Dec. 30th, Jan. 1st and 2nd.

The Big Show for 10c
7.30 to 10.30.

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Hon. D. M. Eberts left yesterday on an extended trip to New York and other eastern cities.

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Mr. C. W. Bassett, of Chicago, called at the Tourist association's rooms yesterday.

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J. H. Baron, manager for Miss Goodson, the pianist who plays here Dec. 29, is at the Empress.

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L. G. W. Sprot, of Scotland, is visiting Victoria. He is a guest at the Empress.

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F. Brakspear, of Scotland, is visiting Victoria on a tour of the Pacific coast. He is registered at the Empress.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Girvin, of San Francisco, are stopping at the Empress.

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Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Kiddle came down from Crofton yesterday, and are staying at the Balmoral.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crofton came over from Salt Spring Island yesterday and are at the Balmoral.

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Mrs. Mainguy and Rollo Mainguy, of Chemainus, are registered at the King Edward.

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Mrs. Bert Henry, of New Westminster, is visiting her mother for the holidays, Mrs. Dave Perry, of this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stewart, accompanied by their children, of Nelson, came over from Vancouver yesterday, and are stopping at the Empress.

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Messrs. D. F. Woosam and W. H. Bate, of Carberry, Man., arrived in town yesterday and are staying at the Dominion.

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Miss Cordelia Grylls will leave by the steamer Princess Royal Tuesday night to spend Christmas at the Lincoln hotel, Seattle.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hammond, of Nelson, spent yesterday in Victoria en route to California for the winter. They are staying at the Empress.

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C. R. Wilson, a prominent rancher of Chilcoten, who has been in the city on business, left this morning on his return to his home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Forsythe, of Winnipeg, who have been spending the past month in the city, left for the east last night.

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Miss Devott and Master Devott, of Crofton, are in the city, having arrived by the noon train yesterday. They are at the King Edward.

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Mrs. Mainguy, of Chemainus, accompanied by her son came in on yesterday's noon train. They are registered at the King Edward.

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Mrs. Macdonald and daughters, of Saanich, visited the city yesterday and returned by the afternoon V. & S. train.

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Judge Lampman left last evening via the Princess Royal and the North Coast Limited, on a visit to his old home at Merriton, Ont.

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R. M. Boyd, commercial agent at Seattle, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system, spent yesterday in the city on one of his regular business trips.

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Jesse Kippen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Kippen, Government street, left Monday night for Montreal to attend school. He is accompanied by Mrs. Carter.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cooper, of Edmonton, who have been in the city for the past few days, left last evening via the Northern Pacific on a visit to Southern California points.

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G. C. Perkins, who has been associated with John Barnsley and company for several years, left yesterday via the Northern Pacific for Sacramento, Cal., where he will reside in future.

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Joseph Elliott and George Evans left yesterday on an extended trip to the Old Country. They travel via the North Coast Limited to New York, whence they will sail on the White Star liner Adriatic for Liverpool.

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Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning were: H. Langton, W. R. Will, Mrs. Taylor, H. A. Boliver, Miss G. Donald, Miss Poole, Miss Jones, Miss Myrtle, Charles Wilson, Miss McGillveray.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

In chambers yesterday before Mr. Justice Martin the matter of Chong Yick vs. the Capital Canning Co. came up again and the knotty question as to who was entitled to the assets, all of which had been provisionally seized by the sheriff, was discussed. Eventually his lordship directed that an interpleader issue be tried to determine the rights of the parties. Eberts and Taylor represent the cannery, H. Lawson the trustee for the debenture holders, Wm. C. Moresby the Northern Crown bank, and Frank Higgins the judgment creditor. The sheriff also has a hand in the pie, and when the law costs and claims are paid the cannery will have to be very wealthy to have much left.

H. B. Robertson applied to have the garnishee order in the case of Cuthbert vs. Lowes set aside. This is a case in which the local real estate dealer is suing F. C. Lowes, a Calgary real estate operator, for a commisison alleged to be due him on a sale of property adjoining Beacon Hill park to F. S. Barnard. The amount asked is five per cent. on $55,000, the amount of the consideration, but Mr. Lowes maintains that he put the sale through unaided. Mr. Robertson contended that Mr. Lowes was only one of several owners, and that the plaintiff had no right to garnishee the entire amount of the purchase price. The matter was adjourned to permit of further affidavits being filed.

In the matter of the estate of the late Pauline Dougall, administration with will annexed was granted on the application of Bodwell & Lawson.

McPhillips & Heisterman were granted probate of the will of the late Archibald Howie.

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Cigarette Cases

Our Sterling Silver Cases for cigarettes, cigars, matches, etc., are plain or artistically engraved. Prices from .... **$2.50** to **$15**

Combs

We have just received a belated shipment of handsome French Back Combs, jewelled set and plain, with gold mounting. Prices from...... **50¢** to **$10**

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These are most artistically wrought in solid brass and have the tubular cathedral tone and will make a very tasteful present to the "lady of the house." Prices from........ **$6** to **$15**

Bridge

Bridge Sets in many leathers, gun metal, German silver, etc., are to be seen here at from .... **$3** to **$25**

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A choice assortment of the best English makes, Rogers, in all styles of handles, unmounted and mounted in Hall marked silver. Prices from **$2** to **$25**

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Complete 10-piece Toilet and Manicure Set of French Ebony in in a beautiful satin-lined case **$10**

Also a complete assortment of Hat Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Hair Brushes, Bonnet Brushes, Mirrors, Nail Files, Button Hooks, Seals, etc.

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Rich Cut Glass Berry Bowls, in our handsome "cuba" patterns, 8 in. size sells at **$5**

Others up to **$30**

Our line includes Vases, Nappiers, Decanters, Sugar and Cream Sets, Biscuit Jars, etc.

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Leather Bags, Purses, Card Cases, Cigar Cases, etc., in black, gray, green, brown, at prices from .... **$3** to **$25**

Diamond Rings, **$15** to **$300**
Signet Rings, ... **$1.50** to **$15**
Pearl Rings .... **$2** to **$15**
Scarf Pins .... **25¢** to **$25**
Lockets .... **$2** to **$50**
Cuff Links........ **50¢** to **$35**
Chains .... **$1** to **$50**

Brooches......... **50¢** to **$500**
Necklets .... **$1** to **$75**
Earrings ...... **$2.50** to **$500**
Bracelets .... **$1** to **$75**
Watches for Ladies, ... **$2.50** to **$100**
Umbrellas .... **$5** to **$25**

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Watches for Boys, ... **$2.50** to **$25**
Canes, ... **$3** to **$10**
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Superior Street, large cottage and lot 60x180, just off Government Street, very cheap at $4,500

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Quebec Street, two-storey 7-roomed dwelling. Easy terms $3,000

Nine roomed dwelling and four lots, centrally located and handy to car line. Exceptionally cheap in order to sell before December 31....$4,400

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Cowichan Station, 30 acres; 7-roomed house, 5 acres under cultivation, fruit trees, etc.....$3,150

140 acres on V. & S. Railway, only 9 miles out, very best of bush land, easily cleared. Will subdivide. Average price, per acre $75

South Saanich, 23 acres; 8 acres cultivated, 6-roomed house, barns, etc., 200 fruit trees, half in full bearing, strawberries, etc.....$7,000

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25 acres on Union Bay, North Saanich (large waterfrontage), all cleared and cultivated. Will subdivide. Per acre $300

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GLENFARG'S REPAIRS REFERRED TO LONDON

Consultation Between Lloyd's Agents Here Last Evening—A 'Frisco Bid

Although the British Columbia Marine Railway company, of Esquimalt submitted the lowest tender for the repairs to the steamer Glenfarg when the tenders were opened some days ago, a strong effort is being made to have the work given to the Union Iron works of San Francisco. The company, through a special agent, who accompanied Mr. Gardner, Lloyd's representative, from San Francisco, has offered to make the repairs at a lower price than the tender submitted by the local company, which was the lowest of the five tenders submitted when the bids were received here, four from Victoria firms and one from J. T. Heffernan & Co., of Seattle. Cablegrams recommending that the work be done at Esquimalt, despite the offer of the San Francisco firm, have been forwarded to Lloyds, Capt. Holman of the Glenfarg and Lloyd's agent here being opposed to the steamer being moved to San Francisco. It is considered that the probabilities are in favor of the work being done by the Esquimalt firm which is recognized to have submitted a fair price for the work. The difference in the figures submitted by the San Francisco firm it is estimated would be more than exceeded by the cost and disadvantage of removal to the southern port. It is understood that Lloyd's considers that the price submitted by the local firm, the lowest price of the five firms which tendered for the work, is higher than they, the underwriters, expected to pay for the work, and it was suggested from London that temporary repairs might be possible and permanent repairs affected on arrival of the steamer at Hongkong. The recommendation of the local surveyor, T. G. Mitchell, that permanent repairs be effected here, was endorsed by the San Francisco special agent, who accompanied by Mr. Arms, consulting engineer of the Union Iron works, of San Francisco, arrived here on Monday. Mr. Arms offers on behalf of that firm to make the repairs at a lower price than the lowest tenderers here. A conference lasting until after midnight was held last night at which the question of repairs to the steamer was discussed in every detail. The local company refuses to reduce its price, it having submitted a fair price for the work in question, lower than the four other firms, including one well known Seattle shipyard. Cablegrams recommending that the work be done here were sent to Lloyds early this morning. Meanwhile the Glenfarg has vacated the drydock at Esquimalt to give place to the ship Lord Shaftesbury.

FOR LONDON POOR

Money Cabled to Shaftesbury Society for the Christmas Dinner Fund

Mr. A. J. Brace yesterday cabled to Sir John Kirk, the founder of the Ragged Schools in London the sum of $476.00 and it is hoped that sufficient further subscriptions will be received to permit of enough additional to be cabled to make the grand total £100 or even 100 guineas £105. This money will assist in providing Christmas dinners for a large number of children who are too often sorely in need of the absolute necessaries of life.

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St. Savour's S. S. second sub.	5.00
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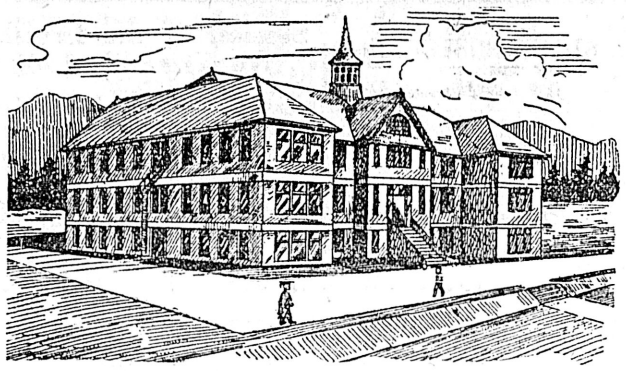

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RESERVES DECISION VICTORIA WEST CASE

Arguments Before Mr. Justice Martin Again Take Considerable Time

The Victoria West arbitration case again occupied considerable time before Mr. Justice Martin in chambers yesterday morning. Thornton Fell resumed his argument in support of the validity of the act and bylaw under which the arbitrator has been proceeding. Early in the argument Judge Martin expressed the opinion that the bylaw was unnecessary so far as the appointment of the arbitrator was concerned. All the council had to do under the act was to ask the county court judge to appoint an arbitrator. The subsequent financial arrangements necessary for the carrying out of his award, had nothing to do with the validity of the arbitration proceedings themselves.

Following this line of argument Mr. Fell pointed out that the assessments had not yet been levied. Another bylaw would be needed for this, and when that was passed that would be the time to move to quash it. The writ of prohibition was an extraordinary prerogative writ, which was only available when there was no other means open. Here a person aggrieved could proceed by way of appeal against the award, by case stated or by motion to quash the award. Mr. Fell also summarized once more his argument that from internal evidence the true intent of the bylaw, notwithstanding the imperfections of the act which it followed, could be gathered, and that any other interpretation would make nonsense of the whole thing. He also cited a number of English authorities with a view to showing how far the courts had gone in endeavoring to so construe bylaws that faults in draftmanship should not render the legislation nugatory.

R. T. Elliott, K.C., replied, and in answer to the assertion that the council had in no way interfered with the functions of the arbitrator, he said that the bylaw itself showed that the council had interfered as the submission to arbitration was not unconditional and that the limitations had been placed upon it. The result was to establish a tribunal not known to the law, and from which consequently there could be no appeal. If his client accepted the jurisdiction of the arbitrator she would be bound by his decision without the possibility of appeal. He argued that there was no necessity for the bylaw, the Municipal Clauses act already conferring the necessary powers on the council. But there was a purpose, which was to render the consideration received illusory. It was proposed to assess the land damaged with a large proportion of the compensation received. Thus the award to a large extent would only be an apparent compensation. He enumerated the conditions which he said were imposed by the bylaw for which no warrant could be found in the enabling act.

Mr. Fell briefly replied, and going through the bylaw claimed that the various clauses which were said to impose new conditions were in reality only provisions intended to aid the arbitrator in successfully accomplishing his work.

The arguments terminated at 1 o'clock, when Mr. Justice Martin remarked that a number of intricate and interesting points had been raised which he would take time to consider.

Art Prizes Presented.

At the closing exercises at the Central school last Friday Miss Barron, of the fifth division, presented three prizes for painting and drawing. The work of forty-five pupils was judged by Miss Mills, of the public school staff, who awarded the first prize to Victor Wheatley; second, Hubert Parry; third, Percy Lipsky.

Referees Selected.

The executive of the City Basketball League met in the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening, the president Mr. A. J. Brace, in the chair. The referees for the balance of the year were appointed; including Messrs. J. Dakers, C. Mason, B. White, A. Wilson, K. Hughes, J. Malcolm, J. Donaldson all the city clubs, six in number, were represented, North Ward, Victoria West, Y.M.C.A., J.B.A.A., and the Shamrocks.

Wealthy Rancher Killed

New Westminster, Dec. 21.—Christopher Brown, a well known and wealthy rancher of Mud Bay, was killed on Saturday evening in a runaway accident. Mr. Brown, who is 55 years of age, owned one of the largest ranches in this district, in addition to other large holdings throughout the district and city. The deceased, who was a native of Ireland, had been in this country for some 30 years. He is survived by a widow, seven sons and one daughter.

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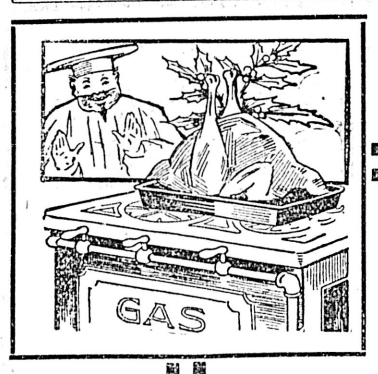

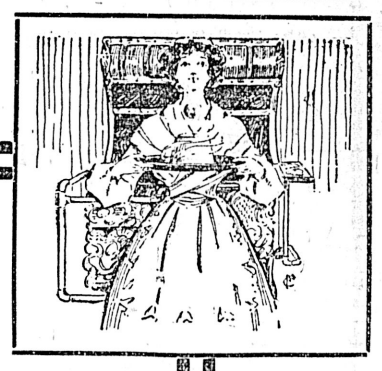

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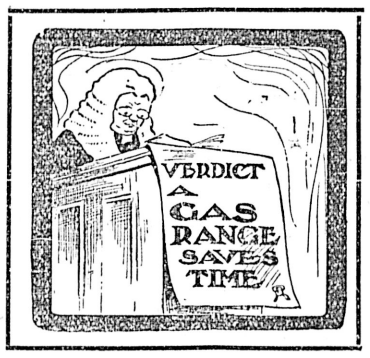

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FURNISHED housekeeping and single rooms. Prince Rupert House, Bastion Square. d16

TO LET—Furnished rooms and housekeeping rooms. Hotel Canada, Phone 1654 d13

NOTICE.

In the Matter of the "Companies' Winding Up Act, 1898," and in the Matter of the Vancouver Shipbuilding, Sealing & Trading Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the above-named company are requested, on or before the 24th day of January, 1909, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Herbert Lockwood, Room 8, Empire Building, Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C., Joint Liquidator of said company. And further take notice that after such last-mentioned date the liquidators will proceed to distribute the assets of the company among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the liquidators have then notice.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of November, 1908.

HERBERT LOCKWOOD,
JOHN ROUNSEFELL,
Joint Liquidators.
Room 8, Empire Building, Vancouver, B. C.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that British Columbia Packers' Association intend to apply two months after date to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the South West corner of the Indian Reserve, No. 1, Alert Bay, and marked "B.C. Packers' Association S.W. Corner;" thence 10 chains southwest, thence 20 chains west paralleling the Coast line, thence 10 chains north to high water mark, thence 20 chins east following the Coast line at high water mark to point of commencement, including the tidal lands, foreshore and lands covered by water within the said limits.

(Signed)
B. C. PACKERS' ASSOCIATION.
Robert Chambers, Agent.
Dated 16th November, 1908.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve placed upon certain lands in the vicinity of Lower Kootenay River, District of Kootenay, notice of which appeared in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th August, 1884, and bearing date of 13th of August, 1884, is cancelled, for the purpose of disposing of such lands by public auction, and to permit of giving effect to the recommendations contained in the report of Mr. W. F. Teetzel, a commissioner appointed to adjudicate upon the claims of certain squatters upon the said lands, but for no other purpose.

ROBERT A. RENWICK.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department. Victoria, B. C., 6th October, 1908.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of Alpha street from Burnside Road to Douglas Street and to drain and macadamize the same, and that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law, and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statement showing the amount estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the report of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid, having been adopted by the Council; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said report is open for inspection at the office of the City Assesseor, City Hall, Douglas street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, December 17, 1908.

FOR ALDERMAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD 5.

I beg to inform you that I am an Aldermanic Candidate for Ward 5. I have large property interests in the ward, I believe in making Victoria a progressive and an up-to-date city, and I am convinced that there is room for improvement in the management of our civic affairs. My policy will be:

First—Good roads.

Second—An ample water supply, even if it does cost $2,000,000, for in my opinion Victoria cannot be made beautiful without an unlimited supply of water.

Third—A two years term for Aldermen, one half to retire each year by rotation.

Fourth—The abolition of the ward system.

Fifth—Good roads.

I am not allied with any clique, party or faction, but will if elected do my best for the general good of the city. Yours truly.

JOHN A. TURNER.

Advertise in THE COLONIST

THE STUART ROBERTSON CO

Limited,
1212 Broad Street.

6 ROOMED COTTAGE with out-buildings and one acre of land, close to city, $3,350.

4 ACRES of choice fruit land, close in. $1,400.

CALL and inspect our list of farms.

FIRE INSURANCE WRITTEN in the Atlas Assurance Company, of London England.

GOOD HOUSE in Spring Ridge, $15 per month.

J. STUART YATES

22 Bastion Street, Victoria.

FOR SALE

80 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke Harbor.

FINE SEA FRONTAGE—At Esquimalt, about three acres, cheap.

TWO LOTS—On Yates street, with large wharf and sheds and two large warehouses, in good condition, on easy terms.

THREE LOTS—On Yates street, with 10 stores, bringing in good rentals.

TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street, rent $120 per month.

8½ ACRES—On Colquitz river, Victoria district, cheap.

LEE & FRASER

9 and 11, Trounce Avenue.

FOR SALE

PENDER ISLAND—650 acres of land, well timbered, 5 acres cleared, splendid sea frontage, small cabin. Price $10,500.

GORDON HEAD—7 acres, all cleared, fine fruit land, splendid view of water For sale cheap on easy terms.

MONEY TO LOAN—Fire and life insurance effected at lowest rates.

THE COAST LOCATORS

618 Yates Street.

We have for sale an old established Livery Business. Price, $1750. No charge for good-will. Easy terms.

Hotel property, centrally located.

New house, near Linden avenue. Price, $4000. One-third cash.

600 acres good farming land, at Fort George, Crown granted. For sale at a bargain. Classified as first-class farming land.

160 acres on Willow River, near Fort George.

Lot on Fairfield Estate, $850, high ground, lot 50 by 135.

Business property on View street. Price, $4000. Lot 60 x 120.

Houses and lots, from $1000 to $4000, on easy terms.

Four lots in Alberni, block 45.

NOTICE

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the first day of February, 1909.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in an action wherein Pitt & Peterson are plaintiffs and Vancouver Copper Company, defendants, I have seized and taken possession of all the goods and chattels of the defendant company, situate at Mount Sicker, Vancouver Island, consisting of 3 Shay geared locomotives with ore cars, picks, shovels, steel, etc., furniture and contents of Mount Sicker hotel, also large quantities of cord wood. I will offer the said goods and chattels, or a sufficent portion thereof, for sale at public auction, on the premises, Mount Sicker, on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1908, at 2 o'clock p.m. Terms of sale cash. F. Richards. Sheriff for the County of Victoria for and on behalf Sheriff County of Nanaimo.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, May 1, 1908.

NOTICE

The above sale is postponed to a date to be fixed. F. G. Richards. Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, June 10, 1908.

TENDERS

Tenders for the supply of school requisites for the coming school year will be received up to December 8th by the Secretary of the School Board, at whose office specifications may be obtained. The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

ISABELLA MOORE, Sec.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend to make application to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at its next sitting for a transfer from me to Albert Coopman of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises formerly known as the Poodle Dog restaurant and now known as the Cecil Cafe, situate at No. 615-619 Yates street, Victoria, B. C.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1908.
W. S. D. SMITH.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as The Hudson's Bay Company's House, situated at McDames Creek, British Columbia.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.
Per J. T.
McDames Creek, B. C., 10th December, 1908.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900

Notice is herby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises to be known as the British Ensign Hotel, situated at Sooke Road.

(Signed) CHRIS. G. BEHNSEN.
Dated at Victoria, this 17th day of November, 1908.

Section 178.
COMPANIES ACT, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that Edward John Hearn, accountant, of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed the attorney-in-fact of the Vancouver Island Mining and Development Company, Limited, in the place of Clermont Livingston, deceased.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 16th day of December, 1908.

"S. Y. WOOTTON,"
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Session of the Legislative Assembly 1909

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.

Notice is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to re-enact, ratify and confirm "The Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act," 1873 and the "Victoria West Water Works Amendment Act," Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act:

To amend Section 2 of the Act of 1873, which enables the Corporation by a Commissioner to construct water works, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct the use for any and every purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put;

To extend the powers given to the Water Commissioner by Section 7 to the construction of tunnels and dams and conduits subject to compensation;

To amend Section 10 by making the date for the annual return therein directed with statement of affairs of the water works to be made on the 15th January of the year following, in lieu of on the 31st December for the year terminating on that date;

To re-enact Section 13 as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1892, in a detailed and concise form, a section giving power and authority to the Water Commissioner to fix the amount of annual water works tax on the basis of frontage along the water mains and branches thereof, or in case of special benefit and advantage to fix a special tax, or to fix the tax according to the relative assessed value taken from the Assessment Roll, or partly by each of these methods, or by two or more or all. In addition to frontage tax price to be paid for use of water by each occupant of a house and for water for other than domestic use and for water supplied outside City Limits and the times for payment;

To amend Section 14, as amended by Section 5 of said Chapter 64 of 1892, by separating the water works monies from general revenue, and to require payment thereof into a separate bank account paying only to the City Treasurer such amounts as the Council may, by resolution, direct;

To repeal Section 19 of said Act of 1873;

To amend Section 20 by placing the service pipe throughout tenement buildings under control as to supply of Commissioner.

To amend Section 27 of said Act of 1873 by by giving power to the Council to authorize contracts for the sale of water mains and plant in the supply of water outside the City or in adjoining municipalities to the Corporation of such Municipalities, with power to contract with outside municipalities for the sale of any quantity of water within such outside municipality either in bulk or upon such terms as to supply and use and payment therefore as may be arranged, and with express power and authority to any outside municipality with whom the Corporation may have made contract for supply, to levy within such municipality a frontage tax or other tax, assessment or rate for the payment of such water supply for the benefit of the Corporation.

To repeal Section 28, 29 and 31 of said Act of 1873 and substitute therefor power to the Corporation to borrow money upon the security of the water works system and property, taxes, rates, rentals and charges and the general revenue of the water works system, or of waters belonging to the Corporation, with the guarantee of the City, and that the debentures to raise monies may be issued under the formalities required for debentures issued under the authority of the Municipal Clauses Act; and following Section 81 of the Municipal Clauses Act; but with power to make loan repayable and not exceeding one hundred years, or to issue same as a perpetual and irredeemable floating charge with or without sinking fund and with power to buy in the debentures out of corporate funds;

To repeal Section 32 of the said Act of 1873, and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to purchase in extinguishment of debentures indebtness debentures now outstanding at a sum not exceeding the par or nominal value of same, out of the sinking fund set aside for the particular issue;

To repeal Section 33 of said Act of 1873.

To add to Section 34 of said Act of 1873, as amended by Section 9 of said Chapter 64, by enabling the passing of a By-law to give effect to Section 14, and by separating and paying all water works monies into an account with the Bankers of the Corporation, there to remain under control of the Council to be expended on water works account;

To add to Section 36 a proviso entitling the Commissioner and Corporation, to one month's notice of action before any proceedings arising out of, or in connection with, the carrying out of the said Act;

To authorize the exercise of the Council's powers by By-law save in matters of administrative detail, which may be by resolution:

To repeal Section 40, 42, and 43 of said Act of 1873 and to enact that water works taxes shall be deemed to be debts due to the Corporation and collected as municipal taxes; and otherwise to provide for securing and enforcing payment for water supplied;

To give to the Corporation power to use waters for producing any form of power, or for producing and generating electricity for the purpose of light, heat and power, either within or without the City; that all powers, rights and privileges by any Act granted to the Corporation shall be applicable to the use of water for power purposes and giving to the Corporation the following powers:—

Power to construct works;

To transmit power;

To convey power by wires and place poles for carrying wires on lands or highways outside the city;

To construct all necessary buildings and works and maintain and operate the same, extending the powers of expropriation to waters for power purposes;

That any arbitration to ascertain compensation under Water Works Acts may, at the election of the Council, be proceeded with under Section 251 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

And such incidental and necessary powers as are involved in the foregoing or may be conveniently used therewith.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1908.

MASON & MANN
Solicitors to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada 1906, Chapter 115, Thomas H. Horne will apply to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the plan and site for the erection of a wooden wharf in front of lots 1284 and 1285 in the city of Victoria, B. C.

A plan of the said proposed wharf and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed site of the same, have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the said city of Victoria, the same being the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for Thomas H. Horne.
Victoria, B. C., the 3rd December 1908.

NOTICE

Legislative Assembly

PRIVATE BILLS.

Excerpt from Rules and Orders Relating to Private Bills.

All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North America Act" require a notice, specifying the nature and object of the application and indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants.

Such notice to be published in the British Columbia Gazette, and in one newspaper published in the district affected, and if no such newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest district in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the last session of the house and the consideration of the petition.

No petition is received by the House after the first ten days of the session, nor may any private bill be presented to the House after the first three weeks of the session, nor may any report of any committee upon Private Bill be received after the first four weeks of the session.

This rule may only be suspended upon motion following a report of the Private Bills Committee, and if suspended, double fees are payable. Eight clear days before the first day of the session the applicant is to pay to the clerk, the House fees, and deposit at the same time two hundred copies of the bill, a copy of the petition duly signed, and a copy of the published notices. The failure to comply with the above necessitates the payment of double fees.

Before any petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge, is received by the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the rules, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a drawbridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the clauses of the General Acts relating to the details to be provided for by such bills: Special grounds shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the bill indicating the provisions thereof in which the General Act is proposed to be departed from. Bills which are not framed in accordance with this rule shall be re-cast by the promoters and reprinted at their expense before any committee passes upon the clauses.

All Private Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed in small pica type, twenty-six ems by fifty ems, on good paper, in imperial octavo form, each page when folded measuring 10¾ by 7½ inches. There shall be a marginal number every fifth line of each page; the numbering of the lines is not to run on through the bill, but the lines of each page are to be numbered separately. If amendments are made to any bill during its progress before the committee or through the House, such bill shall be reprinted by the promoters thereof.

By new Rule 65A, passed on the 2nd April, 1901, (see Journals, 1901, page 58), a model form of Railway Bill is adopted and must be used.

By 65B all bills to incorporate or amend bills incorporating railway companies are to be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill.

The provisions contained in any bill which are not in accord with the Model Bill shall be inserted between brackets.

Any exceptional provisions that it may be proposed to insert in any such bill shall be clearly specified in the notice of application for the same.

Dated 7th December, 1908.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

VICTORIA WEST SODA WATER CO.

(Successors to Fairall Bros.)

Our motto "As Good Goods As Can Be Produced," manufactured from the celebrated Goldstream water.

With prompt delivery we ask for a share of your patronage.

C. W. KIRK & SONS
R. J. Hamilton, Gen. Man.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900

Notice is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as the Gorge Hotel, situated on Tillikum Road.

ELIZA MARSHALL.
The Gorge, B.C., 18th November, 1908.

Subscribe for THE COLONIST

THE LOCAL MARKETS
Retail Prices

Flour	
Royal Household, a bag	$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	$2.00
Royal Standard, a bag	$2.00
Wild Rose, a bag	$1.75
Calgary, a bag	$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl	$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	$1.70
Snowflake, per bbl.	$6.80
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.70
Three Star, per sack	$2.00
Foodstuffs	
Bran, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.60
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.70
Middlings, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.00
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.00
Oats, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.55
Barley, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.60
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.15
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.20
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.25
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Prairie, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Alfalfa, per ton	$20.00
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.65
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.65
Vegetables	
Celery, per head	.05
Lettuce, two heads	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.20
Onions, 8 lbs for	.25
Green Onions, 3 bunches for	.10
Potatoes, per sack	.70 to 1.00
Cauliflower, each	.20 to .35
Cabage, new, per lb.	.03
Red Cabbage, per lb.	.05
Green Peas, per lb.	.08
Beans, per lb.	.08
Beans, per lb.	.05 to .15
Tomatoes, per basket	.25
Beets, per lb.	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs.	.25
Dairy Produce	
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.60
Eastern, per dozen	.35
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neufchatel, each	.05
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy	.25 to .30
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.45
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.40
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	.40
Alberni Creamery, per lb.	.40
Fruit	
Grape Fruit, each	.25
Oranges, per dozen	.25 to .50
Oranges, Japanese, per box	.70 to .75
Lemons, per dozen	.25
Figs, cooking, per lb.	.08 to .10
Apples, per box	$1 to $1.75
Bananas, per dozen	.25
Figs, table, per lb.	.25
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	.15
Raisins, table, per lb.	.25 to .60
Pineapples, each	.60
Grapes, Malaga, per lb.	.25
Grapes, Concord, per basket	.75
Cranberries, Cape Cod, qt.	.25
Nuts	
Walnuts, per lb.	.30
Brazils, per lb.	.30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb.	.75
Almonds, Cal., per lb.	.30
Cocoanuts, each	.15
Pecans, per lb.	.30
Chestnuts, per lb.	.25
Fish	
Cod, salted, per lb.	.10 to .13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	.08 to .10
Halibut, smoked, per lb	.15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	.05 to .08
Smoked Herring	.12½
Crabs, 2 for	.25
Black Bass, per lb.	.06 to .08
Oolichans, salt, per lb.	.12½
Black Cod, salt, per lb.	.12½
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	.06 to .08
Salmon, fresh white, per lb.	.08 to .10
Salmon, fresh red, per lb.	.10 to .12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	.20
Shrimps, per lb.	.25 to .30
Smelts, per lb.	.08 to .10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	.12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	.20
Meat and Poultry.	
Beef, per lb.	.08 to .18
Lamb, per lb.	.15 to .25
Mutton, per lb.	.12½ to .20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.25 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.15 to .18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	.18 to .20
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Chickens, per lb.	.25 to .30
Chickens per lb. live weight	.12½ to .15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20 to .25
Hams, per lb.	.18 to .22
Hares, dressed, each	.75
Bacon, per lb.	.20 to .25
Pork, dressed, per lb.	.12½ to .15
Rabbits, dressed, each	.50 to .65

Two Bad Cases of Croup Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"About ten years ago I came in from work and found our baby boy almost choked to death by croup," says E. S. Warham of Hanover, Ala. "I gave him three or four doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, according to the directions, which immediately relieved him. I continued giving the cough Remedy and in a short time he was cured. Something like two years later our next baby, a girl, was taken with a severe attack of croup and choked until she turned black in the face and almost had convulsions. I tried to procure a doctor but failed. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it cured her." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and can always be depended upon. When given as soon as the first symptoms appear it will prevent the attack.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 22.—The early raid this morning, coupled with an effort to break the market by raiding smelter was a miserable failure. Heavy buying of Katy and the Wabash strengthened Union Pacific and Southern Pacific shorts, who made haste to cover. Stocks were not buoyant. All the Pennsylvania issues will advance and the January disbursement of 200,000,000 will make for higher prices.

	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis-Chalmers	15⅞	15½	15¾
do pfd	49½	49⅛	49¼
Amal. Copper	79⅜	77	79
Am. Car Fdy.	47½	45½	47¾
do pfd	..	..	108¾
Am. Cot. Oil	..	..	41½
do pfd	..	..	92½
American Ice	24⅞	23¾	24¼
Amer. Loco.	..	..	55¾
do pfd	..	..	110
Am. Smelt.	81½	78	81⅜
do pfd	102	100½	100¾
Amer. Sugar	129	127	128¾
do pfd	..	..	128
Amer. Tel.	128	126¾	127
Amer. Woolen	..	..	28
do pfd	..	..	94½
Anaconda	48	46⅜	47¾
Atlantic Coast	106	104⅞	105½
Atchison	97¾	95¾	97¼
B. and O.	109¾	107½	109¼
do pfd	..	..	91½
B. R. T.	63½	59⅜	63⅜
C. C. C. and S. L.	66½	66	66
C. and O.	59⅜	55¾	58½
C. and A.	58	54½	57¾
C. and G. W.	11½	11	11⅜
do pfd A.	..	..	35⅞
do pfd B.	..	..	14¼
C. and N. W.	177	175½	176½
C. M. and S. P.	147¾	144⅝	147⅜
do pfd	..	..	161½
Cent. Leather	30½	29½	30¼
do pfd	101	100	100¾
C. F. and I.	38½	37¼	38¼
do pfd	..	..	60
Colo. Southern	58	56½	57⅜
do 1s pfd	..	..	77
do 2s pfd	..	..	74½
Con. Gas	162	159	161¾
Corn Products	..	..	16¼
do pfd	..	..	72
D. and H.	178	177	178¼
D. and R. G.	36⅞	35	37
do pfd	82	81	80⅞
Distillers	..	..	36⅞
Erie	33¾	32¾	33⅝
do 1s pfd	48¼	47¾	48¼
do 2s pfd	..	..	38⅝
Gen. Elec.	158¾	156¾	158½
Gt. Nor. Ore ctfs.	72¼	70⅛	72
Gt. Nor. pfd	144⅜	142½	144¼
Illinois Cent.	145½	144	145¼
Inter-Met.	19	18⅜	18⅞
do pfd	47	44¼	46¾
Int. Paper	..	..	11½
do pfd	..	..	56
Int. Pump	33	32	32½
do pfd	80⅞	80⅜	80¾
Iowa Central	..	..	30½
L. and N.	121¾	120½	121¼
Mackay	..	..	73¾
do pfd	..	..	68¾
Met. St. Ry.	..	..	34⅞
Mexican Cent.	23½	21½	23⅜
M. S. P., S. S. M.	131⅜	129¼	130¾
do pfd	148½	148	148¼
M. K. and T.	42½	38½	42
do pfd	75	71½	74½
Missouri Pac.	64½	61¼	64⅜
National Lead	77⅞	76	77¾
do pfd	..	..	104¾
Newsouse	5½	5⅜	5½
N. Y. Central	119½	116⅛	119
N. Y. O. and W.	45⅝	42	45
N. and W.	84¾	84	84¾
Northern Pac.	140¾	138	140
Pacific Mail	..	..	34¾
Pennsyl. Ry.	129¾	128½	129¾
Peoples Gas	101¾	100⅛	101¾
Pressed Steel	..	..	42
do pfd	..	..	99⅞
Reading	139	136⅞	138⅝
do 1s pfd	..	..	91½
do 2s pfd	..	..	92
Rep. Steel	24½	24⅛	24¾
do pfd	85½	85¼	85½
Rock Island	23	22½	23
do pfd	59½	56¾	59⅜
Southern Pac.	119	116⅝	118⅞
do pfd	122	121½	122½
Tenn. Copper	44⅝	44	44
Texas Pacific	33⅞	31⅞	33½
Third Ave.	36	33¾	35¾
T. S. L. and W.	42½	40	42
do pfd	69¼	66¼	68¾
Twin City	..	..	93
Union Pacific	179⅞	176¼	179⅝
do pfd	95	94¾	94¾
U. S. Cast I. Pipe	..	..	28
do pfd	..	..	75½
U. S. Steel	53⅜	51¾	53¼
do pfd	112⅛	111¼	111⅞
Utah Copper	44½	43⅛	44½
Virginia Chem.	42⅞	42½	43
do pfd	..	..	113
Wabash	20⅝	19⅝	20
do pfd	52¾	49¼	50¾
Western Union	67	65⅜	66¾
Westinghouse	87	85¼	85
Wisconsin Cent.	32	29⅞	32
do pfd	..	..	66½
Sou. Ry.	25¾	24¼	25½
do pfd	59½	58¼	59¼

Money on call, 3½, 2¾, 3 per cent.
Total sales, 1,249,000 shares.

SPOKANE STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Stock—	Bid.	Asked.
Alameda	02	03
Copper King	03	03½
Gertie	02¾	03
Humming Bird	06½	08
Lucky Calumet	06¾	07¾
Missoula Copper	03	03¼
Monitor	21	29
Nabob	02¾	03
O. K. Consolidated	¾	01½
Oom Paul	04	05¼
Panhandle Smelter	03⅛	03½
Rex	06	..
Snowshoe	06	07
Snowstorm	2.13	2.15
Stewart	60	75
Tamarack	50	85
Wonder	02½	..
International Coal	75	80
Rambler Cariboo	14⅛	15⅞
Kendall	100	115

AMUSEMENTS

"Fifty Miles from Boston"

Tonight Messrs. Cohan & Harris will present George M. Cohan's latest rural musical comedy "50 Miles from Boston," at the Victoria theatre, for two nights, with a big company and elaborate scenery. It is said that Mr. Cohan considers "50 Miles from Boston" to be one of his best plays, and to it he has given some of his "catchiest" songs: "Harrigan," "Jack and Gill," "My Small Town Gal," "Waltz With Me," "Ain't It Awful," and "Boys Who Fight the Flames." Joseph Sparks lately May Irwin's leading comedian, will appear in a prominent role, as will clever Suzanne Westford, who is Lillian Russell's sister, and little Hazel Lowry.

"The Great Divide"

Few plays ever attain the record-breaking popularity that has marked the two years' run of "The Great Divide" in New York. This play was produced by Henry Niller two years ago at the Princess, and transferred to the historic Daly's theatre last season, playing in all over six hundred performances to the largest receipts in the history of either house. It comes to the Victoria theatre on Friday and Saturday.

The New Grand

A great holiday bill is on at the New Grand this week, and if business keeps on as it has begun there will be many in the city who will have difficulty in getting inside to see it. Nellie Joyce Gray, who is really French, and who has only recently arrived in America from the Alhambra theatre in London, where she studied under the famous Russi, presents a clean and somewhat novel original version of the much "cussed" and discussed Salome dance. She wears seven beautiful scarfs, a few jewels and a cloth of silver skirt—the latter evidently a concession to conventionality. During the temperamental and classic accompaniment which few of us understand, and which is only an accessory anyway, this slender, graceful Salome really dances a beautiful and weird dance, proceeding to discard, one by one, the seven scarfs which she evidently considers superfluous clothing, and you'll be surprised to find that there is none of the much-harped-about sensuality, or disgusting features. It's just a pretty, graceful dance, with good lights and scenery appropriate to the period. One of the rarely good comedy sketches is that put on by Mr. Stephen Gratton, who has strong support in Miss Genevieve Cliff, a pretty and talented ingenue. It is entitled "Locked Out at 3 a.m." To tell the story would mar the effect to those who have not seen it. Suffice to say that it is one of the best, as well as the best acted that has been presented here. Another good sketch is "Nowadays" presented by Miss Margaret Severance, assisted by Edward Everett, Fred Fields and James Dixon. The story is of a couple of newly-weds in New York for the first time, who get into all kinds of complications because of the bride's resemblance to her twin sister. The play has three lightning changes, in which Miss Severance appears variously as the bride, a lady reporter and a scrub girl. Miss Severance does some high class comedy, and her ability to change her voice as well as her dress is remarkable. Last but not least comes Earl Girdeller and his dogs, one of the best acts on the bill. The comedian makes his entry in an auto and intersperses acrobatic stunts among the varied tricks of the dogs, which are about the cleverest seen here yet. Other numbers are the illustrated song, moving pictures and overture, which are all good.

Pantages Theatre

Phil. La Toska, the world's greatest juggler, performed at Pantages last night. The addition of this great feature makes a big bill. It's a strictly beauty girl show this week, pretty girls, winsome girls, singing, dancing, high-kicking girls, and the Four English Belles are there with bells and swords and tambourines, doing an act that while clever is completely different from anything seen here, and needless to say, is pleasing. Mlle. Raymond, the queen of the slack wire, does some very difficult midair stunts on wire and wheel, and makes a beautiful appearance, and so holds a prominent place in the beauty show. Brandon & Wilson, juveniles, do a passing singing and dancing number, while Jack Atkins, who made a big hit some weeks ago, is here with a new line of comedy. The picture song, "From Your Dear Heart to Mine," by Harry De Verra, and the biograph are very good.

Great Catch of Herring.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 21.—A phenomenal herring catch is reported from Jordan Bay, Shelbourne. Driven into shoal water, presumably by dog fish, and then driven upon the bank by the gale which prevailed at the time, were hundreds of barrels of herring. In fact, when the tide receded and the surf calmed down the fish were piled along the shore 3 feet thick. The fish are in good condition, they are gathered and packed in barrels and shipped to Boston.

"The Nigger in the Wood-Pile"

Thousands of people go through life feeling more or less miserable without ever knowing the reason. They suffer from headaches, indigestion, pains in the back, and at the slightest chill get rheumatism or neuralgia.

They try to cure these separate outbreaks, never suspecting that the root of the whole trouble is the failure of the bowels to move regularly, and in many cases the sluggish action of kidneys and skin. The result, of course, is that the whole system gets clogged with impurities, which soon turn to poison, and show their presence in various ways.

"Fruit-a-tives"—or fruit juice tablets—promptly stir up the sluggish liver, regulate the bowels, and stimulate the kidneys and skin to do their work properly. Thus they cure all these troubles by removing the cause, and make it possible to really enjoy life. 50c a box—6 boxes for $2.50. Trial size 25c. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

Historic House Burned

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 21.—The house occupied by Sir Charles Tupper when he was city medical officer fifty years ago was destroyed by fire last night. Loss $5,000.

Buys Canadian Farm

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Livingstone, proprietor of the Rencas stock farm of New Jersey, today bought the Fowler farm, near here, consisting of 400 acres, for the purpose of breeding thoroughbred horses in Canada, and will at once ship her large and valuable stud to her new home.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton was steady on general short covering. There was no news of importance aside from a cable announcing the loss of the steamship Irada off the Irish coast with 21,000 bales of cotton for Galveston. On this news Liverpool bought some cotton and there was some buying here. These purchases caused general short covering and prices crept up gradually to the highest levels seen since the government estimate was issued. The market appears to be short. Spots are holding steady in the south and the movement is running much lighter, exports are large. The market seems to be pointing toward higher prices after the new year and would advise purchases on all recessions.

Option—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	8.50	8.63	8.50	8.64
Feb.	8.54	8.54	8.54	8.69
March	8.61	8.76	8.61	8.75
April	....	....	....	8.79
May	8.70	8.82	8.69	8.82
June	....	....	....	8.81
July	8.67	8.80	8.66	8.80
Sept.	....	....	....	8.60
Oct.	8.48	8.58	8.46	8.58
Dec.	8.86	8.97	8.86	8.98

CIVIC NOTICE

Re "Householder" Voters.

All persons who made the declaration required by the Municipal Elections Act, within the time specified by the said Act, but who did not pay, at or before the time of making such declaration, and during the current year, an amount not less than the sum of $2.00 to the city of Victoria, are hereby notified that an adjourned sitting of the Court of Revision on the Municipal Voters' List for the year 1909 will be held in the Committee Room, City Hall, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 10 a. m., when an opportunity will be given such persons of showing cause why their names should not be struck off the said list.

This notification does not apply to Militiamen who are certified as efficient by the Commanding Officer of their Corps.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Court.
Victoria, B. C., December 22nd, 1908.

Stocks for Sale

Subject to Prior Sale or Withdrawal

1000	Portland Canal	.09
1000	Can. North-West Oil	.36
4	B. C. Trust	100.00
10	Nicola Valley	.75
1000	International Coal	.78
1000	Diamond Vale Coal	.18
5	United Wireless	.16
10	Pacific Whaling	.83
1000	Van Briquette	.70

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WANTED—Cheap for cash; express wagon, plow, hand cultivator, hand seeder and large sized tent. Box 471, Colonist. d23

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS
(Too Late for Classification)

FOR SALE—Gent's black bear skin coat. Apply 1125 Johnson St. d23

FOR SALE—Regina music box and musical instrument new; cheap. Apply 1125 Johnson St. d23

TO RENT—Well furnished 9-roomed house; good location. Apply 466, Colonist. d23

WANTED—A new 4 or 5 roomed cottage; must be modern and new, well situated. Will rent or purchase. D. C. Reid & Co., 9 Mahon Bldg. Phone 1494. d23

LOST—On Government St., lady's black stock collar in small box. Kindly return to 465, Colonist office. d23

WANTED—Married man for work on farm; wife good plain cook; no children; state experience and wages to G. T. Corfield, Corfield, B. C. d23

TURKEYS, choice, 22 cents per lb.; delivery to any part of the city. Fernwood Market. F. E. Clark. Phone 1271. d23

FOR EXCHANGE—2½ acres land, small house, 25 fruit trees, Gordon Head. $3,000, for home in Victoria. Northwest Real Estate, Yates St. d23

FOR SALE—New house, Johnson St., 6 rooms and basement, all modern, $3,700. Small house, Esquimalt district, $1,300. Northwest Real Estate, Yates St. d23

WANTED TO RENT—Cabin or stable for workshop; any part of city. P. O. Box 32. d23

WANTED—To rent, a small furnished house; immediate possession. Address 461, Colonist. d23

WANTED—Furnished bedrooms with breakfast. One block Beacon Hill car. "Beachcroft," Boyd St. d23

WANTED TO BUY South African script; quote lowest price for cash. Reply to J. R. Vernon, 1900 Ninth Ave., Vancouver, B. C. d23

TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE—If you have a snap in city real estate suitable for subdivision and require a quick sale, please give us particulars. Herbert Cuthbert & Co., 616 Fort St. d23

FOR SALE—Young English setter dog, trained and well marked. 509 Superior St. d23

WANTED—To rent, two furnished housekeeping rooms. James Bay preferred. 468, Colonist. d23

LOST—On Yates street, small leather purse containing money. Reward. 474, Colonist. d23

CHRISTMAS BARGAIN for immediate sale; disc. Graphophone with records. Cost $25 without records. Cash $10. Apply by mail to Woods, 522 Bastion St., City. d23

TO LET—Five-roomed cottage, Alpha street near Douglas street car; $12 per month. d23

TO LET — Furnished housekeeping rooms; 735 View St.; central. d23

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve existing on Lot 7,946, Group 1, Kootenay, by virtue of the notice dated December 24th, 1907, and appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of December 27th, 1907, is cancelled for the purpose of effecting a sale of said lot to Edgar S. Home.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., December 17, 1908.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve covering the fractional Sections 31, 32 and 33, Denman Island, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette of October 21st, 1876, is cancelled.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., December 17, 1908.

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1000 Canadian Northwest Oil shares. Bid.
Two Islands, Gooch and Domville, for sale on east coast of Vancouver Island, 2 miles from Sidney, ideal sites for sumer hotels, good fishing, etc. $20 per acre, or both islands for $2,750.
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Semi-ready Tailoring

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WOMEN'S SUEDE GLOVES, Trefousse make, all shades. Price $1.50
WOMEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make, colors tan and white. Price $1.25
WOMEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make in tan. Price .. $1.25
WOMEN'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, Dent's make in black. Price $1.50
WOMEN'S MOCHA GLOVES, in tan shades. Price $1.50
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Preparations have been made for making today and tomorrow the greatest Glove selling days that our Christmas business has ever known.

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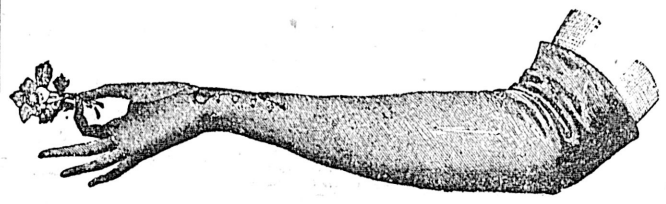

WOMEN'S GLACE KID GLOVES, 12 and 16 button lengths, colors tan, black, navy and grey, regular $3.00 and $3.50 for $1.50

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WOMEN'S WOOLEN GLOVES, in white, black, red, brown and grey, very special value at .. .. 25¢
WOMEN'S WOOLEN GLOVES, all shades, price .. .. 35¢
WOMEN'S LONG WOOLEN GLOVES, black, white, red and navy, at .. .. 50¢
WOMEN'S BLACK CASHMERE GLOVES, at 25c and .. .. .. 35¢
CHILDREN'S FANCY RINGWOOD GLOVES, all sizes, at 25¢
WOMEN'S LONG KID GLOVES, glace in mode and white. Price $3.00 and $3.50
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The nearer it comes to the holiday the more depleted becomes the purse. These items will make it easy for you to buy what you want, as they are all special values. In fact it is seldom that you can buy at such a price.

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WOMEN'S KID BUSKIN SLIPPERS, turned and sewn soles. Reg. $1.25 and $1.50. Today $1.00
MEN'S LEATHER OR CARPET SLIPPERS, sewed soles. Today $1.00
BOYS' KID SLIPPERS, leather soles. Today $1.00

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BOYS' OWN ANNUAL, price $1.75
GIRLS' REALM, price $1.75
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WONDER BOOK .. .. 75¢
WONDER BOOK OF ANIMALS . $1.25
LITTLE FOLKS, price $1.00
SUNDAY, price $1.00
WINDSOR MAGAZINE, bound, price 75¢
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MAGNOLIA LIBRARY, regular 35c for 25¢
HENTY AND ALGER BOOKS .. .. 25¢
CHILDREN'S TOY BOOKS, large assortment at 15c, 10c, and .. .. 5¢
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RAG BOOKS, at 75c, 50c, 25c, and .. .. 15¢
CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS, per dozen 20¢
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MEN'S TAN MOCHA GLOVES, silk lined, Dent's make, at $2.00

At $2.50

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MEN'S MUFFLERS, a quantity of samples of men's mufflers, covering a wide range of designs, and containing values from $2.00 to $3.00. Today's price $1.50
MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, fine pure Irish linen, full size, we are all out of the quality that we sell at $4.00, so we have made these 600 handkerchiefs, per dozen, at $4.00
MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, fine white linen, medium size, our $2.00 line being all out, we are offering these $3.00 handkerchiefs at, per dozen $2.00

Mink Stoles and Throws

A number of New Mink Furs are here today. On Friday, no doubt, they will be gracing the neck of some thankful women. They are furs made up on purpose for the holiday trade. They are made of beautifully matched skins made up in very handsome styles, in both stoles and throws. A gift that any woman would be glad to receive, and one than any man should be proud to give, would be one of these handsome furs. Only a limited quantity to sell.

Toys Today and Tomorrow

The attractions in the Toy Store for today and tomorrow will be many. Special values will be offered on all the different priced tables, articles that have not yet been offered for sale on these special priced tables will be found there in profusion. We intend that these two days will be days of exceptional values in the Toy Store. Shop early in the day. You get the best bargains and get better service.

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